

Critics of the Governme health market system, which next week celebrates its fifth anniversary, will say it proves that trusts are a stepping stone to privatisation. Alan Milburn, a Labour shadow health minister, said:

"The core NHS principle of treatment being dictated by clinical need will be a thing of the past. Ministers must reject this

it was a highly significant fac-tor for some hospitals. The Guy's and St Thomas's trust, south London, made almost £10 million from private patients, while the Royal Marsden in west London

made 17 per cent of its core income in this way and the Wrightington hospital, Lancashire, almost 11 per cent. Mr Orros says he expects

trusts, in partnership with in-surance companies, to start

Mr Orros told the Guardian his company had for some time been in discussion with a number of trusts, mostly in England and typically those with an actual or potential

involved in talks but larger companies had proved hesitant, fearing trust-branded schemes would undermine

their own products. "One or two of the ide

shortage of funds. Several insurers had been

ratisation plan if the NHS is to survive as a genuine public service

The proposals for trust-brand health insurance are outlined by George Orros, chief executive of Universal Health Consultants, in an article in the 1996 edition of the authoritative Fitzhugh Directory of NHS Trusts.

The directory shows that the 496 NHS trusts operating in Britain and Northern Ireland in 1994/95 together made £198.2 million by treating responsibilities.

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within two years to mark would require approval from innovative insurance the NHS executive, particu-larly on fast-tracking," Mr He outlines four types of Orros said. "That one was accover Health care clubs, giving tually put to the executive. I think a number of people on members privileges such as additional, non-NHS clinics the executive feel it is a bit sensitive this side of the genand shorter waiting times. I Health and care cash

eral election." A Department of Health clubs, paying "relatively small" cash sums to memspokeswoman said the executive knew of no plan for trust-branded health insurance. bers in the event of them needing treatment requiring time off work or family care She could not comment further.



An Aston Villa fan celebrates his team's crushing 3-0 victory over Leeds United in yesterday's Coca-Cola Cup final at Wembley, guaranteeing them a place in next season's UEFA Cup. Report, page 16 APH; FRANK BARON

old whose narents were p ning to ask the court to allow him to die. Where the outlook for a

pain and distress when the tube connecting her to the ventilator has to be

The case, to be heard within weeks by Sir Stephen Brown, president of the High

Court's family division, fol-

lows the death from natural causes of Thomas Creedon,

the brain-damaged two-year-

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newborn baby seems hope-less, doctors are often uncertain whether to withhold treatment after discussions with the parents, or seek permission from a court to do so. The issue has come to a head because more very pre-mature babies are surviving. and because of the House of Lords ruling over the Hillsturn to page 2, column 3



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The Guardian Monday March 25 1996 2 NEWS Protest locale that can't square the circle

Turn-out for anti-racist demo is meagre, but maybe Nelson's Column is no longer a fitting backdrop for radical causes

Monday sketch



Matthew Engel

HE instruction was to meet by Temple Tube station at 12.30pm on

Saturday. It was now 12.30. A few people began wondering if they might have made a mistake. But in that case the police had made a mistake, too. Dozens of them waited on horseback, strolled up and down the street, or sat, lounging and yawning, on the coach parked up the road.

And there was the clinching evidence. Propped against the railings in front of Smith & Nephew PLC's corporate headquarters were dozens of placards announcing the

theme of today's demonstration. Nearby was Marc Wadsworth, the organiser, looking harrass "I hope you'll report that the sabotage worked," he said. This was the Trump the Race Card demonstration, from

Temple to Trafalgar Square, organised by the Anti-Racist Alliance (ARA). It was designed largely to show solidarity between the Alliance and the Muslim community, some of whose eaders claim to have been reglected and marginalised ov other anti-racist groups. Whatever the rights and wrongs of this dispute, it was mpossible not to feel sorry for

everyone involved. Eventually, Mr Wadsworth was obliged to speak to the superintendent on duty. He was told the protest could proceed — on the pavement. It was a humiliating moment. "There are still people arriving." he said. This was true, but an equal number were probably drifting away. 'It's got to get a lot bigger than this to warrant putting into place the traffic plan," replied the superintendent.

Advance publicity had suggested 5,000 might turn up the police were told to expect 1,000. Afterwards the organisers claimed 500 and Dagenham, branch got tangled up with the the police said 100. As the march passed under Hungerford Bridge — on the pavement, as instructed — I counted 250, precisely the

says more about the nature ame as the number of police protest in Britain than many originally on hand. It was a pleasant springtime stroll and an entirely peaceful more successful demos. It certainly says something protest. The major problem about the British Left, in



The way it was . . . A 1980 CND rally brought the crowds to Trafalgar Square

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Hamas. The ARA said there was never going to be a speaker supporting Hamas, and it was a set-up. But most of the people I m seemed unaware of this dispute, never mind its nuances. One elderly gentleman told me he marched for anything. "Anything?" "Anything vorking-class," he said.

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN ARGLES may have been another factor that Trafalgar Square itself, after a century and a half as the focal point for British leftwing protest, is losing its allure. The sight of marchers and banners no longer stirs

the blood. There was always a paradox here. This is the historic rallying point for the great socialist and anti-imperialist

causes: Chartism, the late-Victorian unemployment crusades, the hunger marches, CND. "Yet the square," as its historian, Rodney Mace, points out, "is an impenitent and rather vulgar commemorative edifice to both men and events which had, by force of arms. stended the hegemony of British capital over large areas of the globe." There is, of course, no right to demonstrate in the British constitution because the British constitution, such as if is, confers no rights. There is merely an absence of prohibition. And in our very British way, what has emerged is a compromise — slightly tilted the Government's way by such laws as the Public Order Act but in essence not disallowing marches that do not frighten the horses. Which usually means confining them to the weekend when the politicians are not even around.

Curiously, at Horse Guards. the duty nags did get a little unnerved by Saturday's small band, the result of everyone being forced on to the pavement while chanting Michael Howard. He's a coward" and "Britain's police, racist police." which the handful of policemen left on duty accepted phlegmatically.

We had been through the empty ritual of pausing opposite the gates of Downing Street while a deputation handed in a message. Then we were escorted to the foot of Nelson's Column. There were the usual succession of speakers, including controversial figures like the Saudi dissident Professor Al-Mass'ari and the Muslim leader Dr Kalim Siddigul. But no one sounded inflammatory. They were merely unfocused. flailing at a variety of targets over a wide range of grievances.

By now, the audience had grown, but only because the microphones put the speakers within earshot of thousands of tourists, who seemed aware that they were watching an ancient British ritual but were probably uncertain whether it was Speakers' Corner or dancing round the

maypole. Undeniably, this was an object lesson in how not to make an impact. The public, black and white

needs a clear and comprehensible message That is best reinforced by a powerful, appropriate and unhackneyed televisual backdrop: the treetops of Newbury, the port of Brightlingsea, even the streets of Brixton. Trafalgar Square's day may be done.

City poll on minimum wage dampens offensive Labour vulnerable in jobs campaign

Rebecca Smithers and Patrick Donovan

ABOUR will today attempt to seize back the political initiative campaign to highlight how economic insecurity has grown under the Conservative government despite the publication of MORI poll findings that the Opposition's own policies could lead to heavy job loss

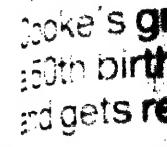
Party leader Tony Blair, shadow chancellor Gordon Brown and shadow trade and tion's commitment to a miniindustry secretary Margaret Beckett will lead the cammum wage could result in more job losses. The poll of more than 1,000 small and medium sized paign to highlight how 10.5 — one o

Labour's analysis rein-) that three in every 10 firms surveyed fears that it could be forced to shed staff if Labour forces earlier employment studies showing an increasing trend away from secure, full-time jobs towards part-time work and temporary introduced a minimum f4-anhour wage, the survey said. Worst hit appear to be firms in the North, where 60 per cent of businesses claim that contracts. Since 1992, for ex-

ample, around 300,000 more temporary jobs have been cre-ated, and this sector has ex-panded by nearly 30 per cent in the last year alone. But Labour could be forced on to the definition by todayion a minimum wage could result in job shedding. Up to 3.5 million employees currently earn less than 24 an hour, according to the Flemings report, which warns on to the defensive by today's that the proposed minimum wage represents a "threat to UK business". publication of an authoritative poll by MORI and the 3i firm of venture capitalists which claims that the opposi-

It adds: "Labour have used an esoteric academic study to argue that a minimum wage would not result in job losses but privately concede that empl ment





of the working population have experienced unemployment since the 1992 general election.

They will hammer home their point by using detailed analysis of the job market to analysis of the job market is illustrate how a further veiled its own analysis of the 2 million jobs could go before a change of government will affect investor confidence.

businesses shows that tradiinevitable[,] tionally Tory voting entrepre-neurs are now convinced that The report concluded that abour was likely to win the Labour will win the next elecelection but the City tion. Its findings are endorsed remains much more scenti by the City firm of Flemings, cal" than the electorate in regard to Labour's compe-tence in running the economy.

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Stepping out, clogging it and a touch of post-modernism

First night

Judith Mackrell

Percussive Feet Feetival Cochrane Theatre

C TEPPING a tune is how Sherrican clogger Ira Bernstein defines the magic of percussive dance. And as this week's Percussive Feet festival shows, that magic can occur in dances as varied as tap. Kathak, clogging and stepping. Bernstein himself a fresh-faced regular guy with extremely tuneful feet — was both M C and opening act for the festival's first show and his set was full of revelations. He told us about a Durham hornpipe that used to be danced on a pedestal to ensure that the dancers stayed on the spot. Then he did it himself, knitting his feet through astoundingly complex patterns without dropping a stitch. John Kirk played banjo for an Appalachian clog dance, spin-ning such intense variations from the music it sounded like a sitar, then Conal Fowkes played the "Stomach Steinway" for a French-Canadian dance in which Bernstein's clogs clacked so passionately they sounded like a lament.

After Bernstein came Sue MacLennan's Off Your Clogs

THE JOYS (AND OTHERWISE) OF WORKING IN A MODERN OFFICE ... THE OLIVER & CLAIRE STRIP

sages developed an engaging combative energy as the dan-cers stamped and swung their legs. But MacLennan's explora-tion of the language of clogs could only look sketchy after Bernstein's mastery, and even more so compared with the

jazz tapper Tobias Tak. Tak sang and danced to the old songs (Fats Waller et al), charmingly camping up their wit and romance. Like Bern-stein, he's a bit of a pedagogue, and during a homage to Bill "Bojangles" Robinson he explained how Robinson turned tap from a flat-footed cousin of clogging to a dance that turned turned to a to a dance that went up on its toes. As Tak danced the transition, you saw his whole action change from a sturdy springing to the dangling-legged, fleet-footed pattering of Fred Astaire. But this was just one moment in a set whose energy was outra-geous and whose dancing contagious. Tak made his feet chatter

and swoon, he made them sound like tambourines, pistol shots and drums, he made them romantic and witty. He didn't just step a tune, he danced an entire Broadway musical.

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Doctors ask court to rule on baby's 11, a kind of post-modern clog dance, which started with barefoot dancers doing light 'right to die' and stretchy moves, then grounding themselves as they

continued from page 1 borough victim, Tony Bland, that adult "right to die" cases should be subject to court put on their clogs. Some passcrutiny.

A spokesman for the Brit-ish Medical Association said: "In the light of recent cases, doctors accept that the courts block of a steph that the courts should play a role in cases like this, in setting clear parameters for doctors deal-ing with these cases.... Our concern is that doctors do not have to resort to a court of law every time they are faced with these kinds of difficult decisions."

In two other cases, the courts have held that brain-damaged babies should be allowed to die, but without laying down principles for future cases.

In one cases, where the baby's brain was largely de-stroyed and she would have died within weeks, the Appeal Court left it up to doctors to decide it is up to doctors to decide on her treatment. In the other, the court held that a blind, deaf and paralysed five-month-old need not be

not on a ventilator if he stopped breathing. Neil McIntosh, chairman of the British Paediatric Associ-ation's ethics committee, said

doctors tended to put very

very difficult task. At the mo-ment we play God. We have an experience going back to when we tried to save them all, and we have seen the out-China. How can anyone say democracy is not suitable Taiwan to the centre of ten-for Chinese. All the argu- sion between the United come was pretty bleak for

'Chinese Andrew Higgins in Talpei officials were HINA has been so unsettled by Taiwan's rapid transition from going around dictatorship to democracy parliament that it put heavy pressure on observers from Britain to stay away from a presitelling us to dential poll which has been cancel. I can't hailed as the first time a think of a more Chinese society has ever elected its leader. appropriate

"We were told it was not an appropriate time to come to Taiwan," Bill Miller, a member of the European parliament for Glasgow, said. "There were Chinese officials going around parliament telling us to cancel. I can't think of a more appropriate time to be here. This is a historic occasion. Eleven Labour and social-

ist MEPs ignored the Chi-nese lobbying, said to in-volve threats that they would have problems if they ever intend to visit China. The parliament had previously passed two reso-lutions condemning China's

pre-election war games. Chinese dissidents exiled since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre and members of a Hong Kong legislature destined for oblivion after the territory is handed over to China in 1997, celebrated Saturday's four-man race — won by a wide margin by President Lee Teng-hui - as proof that the cause of democracy

in China is far from doomed. "It is tremendous," said Christine Loh, a Hong Kong legislator in Taipel for the election. This is part of the making of modern

in our history."

time to be here'

Taipei are the 1969 Beijing student leaders Chai Ling and Li Lu. They said the poll vindicated their

ing, found encouragement in Taiwan's reforms for his own attempts to reconcile Marxism with direct popu-lar participation in politics. "The Communist Party is most afraid that Mr Democ-

praised the poll. "I'm very happy — it does not really Taiwan's since reformed se-curity apparatus. "What

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States and China, which sought to menace voters through missile tests, war games and tough rhetoric. So touchy is Beijing about democracy that in brief reports on Taiwan's vote, state-controlled Chinese media declined even to acknowledge that an election had taken place. The People's Daily, the organ of People's Daily, the organ of the Chinese Communist Party, referred to the poll as "the activity by which a change of Taiwan region's leader was engendered". Among exiled dissidents who have converged on Taiwai organ the 1000 Multimoter

Elite police officers guard Taiwan's beaming president, Lee Teng-hui, as he celebrates Saturday's landslide election victory PHOTOGRAPH ALBERTO MARCUEZ

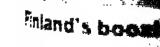
strategy. Su Shaozhi, the former head of the Marxism-Leninism Institute in Beij-

racy may one day come to the mainland," he said. Even staunch foes of Taiwan's ruling Kuomintang or Nationalist Party matter who won," said Helen Liu, widow of a Chinese-American author murdered in 1984 after criticising Chiang Kai-shek. Talwan's late dictator. The murder was a mob hit commissioned by members of

matters is the change that made this election possible."



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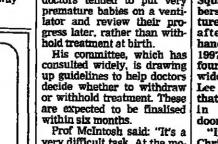
Beijing has vowed to dis-mantle Hong Kong's Legislative Council, now en-tirely elected, as soon as it

regains sovereignty. "You have to fight for de-mocracy," said Ms Loh. "The message for us all is that you have to be prepared to take some risks. No matter how much China

does not like what happened, it is the beginning of something new." President Lee --- who celebrated his landslide on Sat-

urday - declared: "This is the most valuable moment

The election propelled



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NEWS 3

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Government to encourage handing over babies

Adoption law aims at single mothers

services departments.

cca Smithers Political Correspo

HE Government has valid alternative to abortion drawn up proposals to try to encourage and the burden of bringing up an unwanted child," Mr Bowis said. "But we are most certainly not putting pressure single mothers-to-be to consider handing their on any mother to use this babies over for adoption. route if she doesn't want to." The Department of Health is to publish a draft bill updat-He made clear that the new ing the adoption law, and in-tended to make adoption a rules will apply equally to single mothers and those in

established relationships, al-though the Government is valid and acceptable alternative to shortion or the known to be concerned about struggle of bringing up an unthe increasing number of wanted child. At the same time, it wants pregnancies and births

to stamp out the "political correctness" and red tape among under-age girls. The new rules are reported which complicate many appli-cations for adoption, making to give courts the power to override natural parents who it clear to local authorities refuse to consent to adoption that upper age limits for pro-spective adoptive parents are orders, if they are deemed to be in the child's interest. Official statistics show that since 1977 — the year after the Adoption Act — the num-ber of children adopted has macceptable. Yesterday John Bowis, the

health minister, told the Guardian that the changes were designed to make the law — which came into force roughly halved from 13,000 to fewer than 7,000 now, while the number of abortions has when more babies were available for adoption -- more rel-evant to society today, while risen to 160,000 a year -reckoned to be around one in simplifying adoption procedures.

five of all pregnancies. The reduction in the number of children available for adop-The draft bill - which would be included in a future tion is due to abortion and the legislative programme - is growing tendency for people due to be published over the to have smaller families next few days, along with a Mr Bowis also said the new consultation paper and a rules were designed to crack guidance circular being sent down on some of the "politi-

out to local authorities' social cally correct" adoption poli cies of some local authorities, "We are trying to promote which discriminate on the adoption as an acceptable and grounds of age, education or

> "It is ridiculous to have a cut-off point of, say, 35 for mothers, when women can naturally bear children long after that," he said. "In addition, older parents can often provide a more stable environment for children, particu-larly if they already have experience of bringing them

Mr Bowis said the new rules also take account of the fact that prospective adoptive parents are increasingly lookng abroad for children. They will ease the legal and immi gration procedures for countries that are signed up to the nationally approved

in place under the ystem Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption.

In addition, bureaucratic complications involved, for example, where a mother remarries and has to "adopt" her own child with har new partner, will be ended. The new rules would allow a stepfather to take legal responsi-bility for the child, giving him the same legal status as an adoptive father.

The Government expects the consultation exercise to take two to three months,

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Veteran broadcaster Alistair Cooke, whose Letter From America this week celebrates its 50th anniversary on the air

Cooke's grand tour takes a 50th birthday flashback and gets ready to move on

WAS originally scheduled for a 13-week run, the brainchild of an aspiring BBC journalist looking to broadcast a series of talks on life in America after the end of the second world war.

Yesterday, veteran journal-ist Alistair Cooke turned the where clock back half a century, marking the 50th anniversary long queue of his Letter from America by

Shortages, rations, queues

Vivek Chaudhary

re-reading the very first of his legendary 15-minute BBC talks. Mr Cooke, now aged 87. Wire you will wonder at the because in this full of first Mr Cooke, now aged 87, began yesterday's letter by explaining to listeners the obsession in this talk of food and clothing and the desperate ways of procuring them. "In Britain, the winter of context within which his first talk was written in 1946.

1945/46 was the hardest to Mr Cooke had just returned to the US from a sobering month-long visit to London, bear, not only because of ferocious weather but because he encountered during the war the American government under President Roosevelt had voted to send to chronic food shortages and He told listeners yesterday: | Britain millions of tons of

food and billions of dollars in i loans to finance the making of all the weapons of war. But the day after the Japanese surrender in August 1945, President Truman suspended all this so-called lend-lease

"My irip to London was frankly a shocker. There was everywhere a dire shortage of heat and electricity, coal, food. Soap was a luxury." The letter became the first

of 2,458 broadcasts by Mr Cooke about his adopted homeland, which is regularly heard by more than a million listeners in Britain alone. In his first letter, Mr Cooke

spoke of leaving Britain aboard an ocean liner filled with thousands of war brides "weeping like mad" and wav-ing handkerchiefs "in an unbroken line, like washing day in Manchester or Leeds." He spoke of shortages of nylons,

Food mounted a campaign to arrest black-marketeers. The health minister, Aneurin Bevan, told the

for basic items. but as the winner of a Com-monwealth Fellowship, he

had travelled throughout America in the summer of 1953 and fell in love with its landscape and people. In 1941 he became a US citizen.

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a manual typewriter in his New York apartment, doing the corrections by hand. At the end of yesterday's broadcast, Mr Cooke vouch-safed that a journalist had recently asked him if the BBC had asked him to retire and whether he planned to. He

told listeners: "I said the answer was no and no. I've noticed if you retire you keel over.

Births prompt fears that young getting poor birth control advice

tal after refusing to have an PLEA was made last abortion A night for better contra-ceptive education for David Nolan, of the Birth Control Trust, said yesterday: "This shows that more money young people after reports that a West Midlands girl recently gave birth, days after her 12th birthday. needs to be spent on promot-ing contraception and advice for young people. Parents and teachers have to judge when the time is right to give out this vital advice."

have been delivered at the girl's home in olverhampton.

risks involved when the mother was so young. Details of the birth emerged after a Midlands-based counselling service for young girls received an anonymous call last month from someone askan inquiry after a 12-year-old | ing for help for a 12-year-old | gation going on.

who had given birth. Mary Harding, of Wolverhampton's Blenheim Organisation, which took the call, said: "Under-age pregnancies have become more frequent, and the situation is quite

alarming Yesterday Jock Gallagher, a

pokesman at the girl's local ospital. New Cross in Wolverhampton, said: "The birth took place somewhere in Wolverhampion. I believe it may have been a home birth, as we do not have a record of the child actually being born

Such cases were extremely rare, he said, but there were Duty staff at Wolverhamp ton council and local police last night had no details of the CASE

A police spokesman said: "There would certainly be concerns given this girl's age. As far as we know, at the mo-ment there's no police investi-

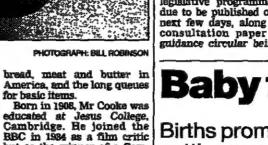
Sally Weale Mr Cooke's soothing, dead-pan style and eye for detail have earned him a worldwide audience estimated at 34 He still writes his scripts on

The baby, whose father is a 14-year-old boy, is thought to

It is the second such case to emerge within a few days, prompting fears that young sters are receiving inade quate advice on birth control. Last week police and social workers in south Wales began

Baby for second girl, 12

girl gave birth to a baby boy in Swansea's Singleton hospi-



. oh, what a weary peace

HE nation might have been relieved that the war was over, but 1946 was a crippling year for most Britons, writes Vivek haudhory. By March of that year.

Clement Atlee's Labour government had reintro-duced rationing on basic food such as bread, rice and butter, after American loans ended. Meat rations were cut. Clothes could only be nurchased with

only be purchased with grain meant that beer pro-coupons and nylon stock-ings became a valuable cent and the only conces-commodity. A shortage of sion granted to a popula-Police and Ministry of

country that tuberculosis and venereal disease remained a major problem but vowed that a national health service would be set up, providing health care for all. The government also promised free school milk and dinners.

There was a desperate housing shortage. The gov-ernment announced that it was to look into the building of new towns, and promised cash to cities like Coventry and Hall, which had been severely damaged.

1946 also saw the first civil flights from Heathrow

and the reintroduction of league football following Police and Ministry of the end of the way



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Finland's boozing elite gulp towards victory in the drink

An ex-soldier gets his 'demob suit' in 1946

Jon Henley on board the Silja Scandinavia

Cheered on by a 200-strong crowd on the disco deck of the ONLOOKERS toppled around them, but Matti Purustinen and Risto Saik-Silja Scandinavia ferry churning through the Baltic at the weekend, Mr Puustinen downed eight bottles of beer achs more or less down - to | in 1 minute and 10.76 seconds

Clydesdale Bank PLC announces that its mortgage rates are being reduced from 1 May 1996 for new and existing customers.

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wipe the floor with the opposi-tion in Finland's seaborne drinking championship. a feat broadcast live on [But if the champions stayed Finnish radio. Mr Saikkonen's two-gulp technique sent down 0.3 litres in 1.61 seconds, winning him the Small Tankard class. "It was okay — a fair result," said Mr Saikkonen, a tourism student aged 34. He also won the Single Bottle event. "I prepared for the final round by meditating on my technique. And I had a practice in the sauna. The contestants had been selected from about 5,000 entrants in qualifiers beld around Finland — renowned for its prodigious drinking. "It's a combination of art and sport," said Mr Puus-tinen, a mechanic aged 21. "It takes a lot of experience and a lot of practice - with water, not beer." Despite having consumed 14 pints, Mr Puustinen - who threw up only once during the entire event — bounced back to win a late night final round,

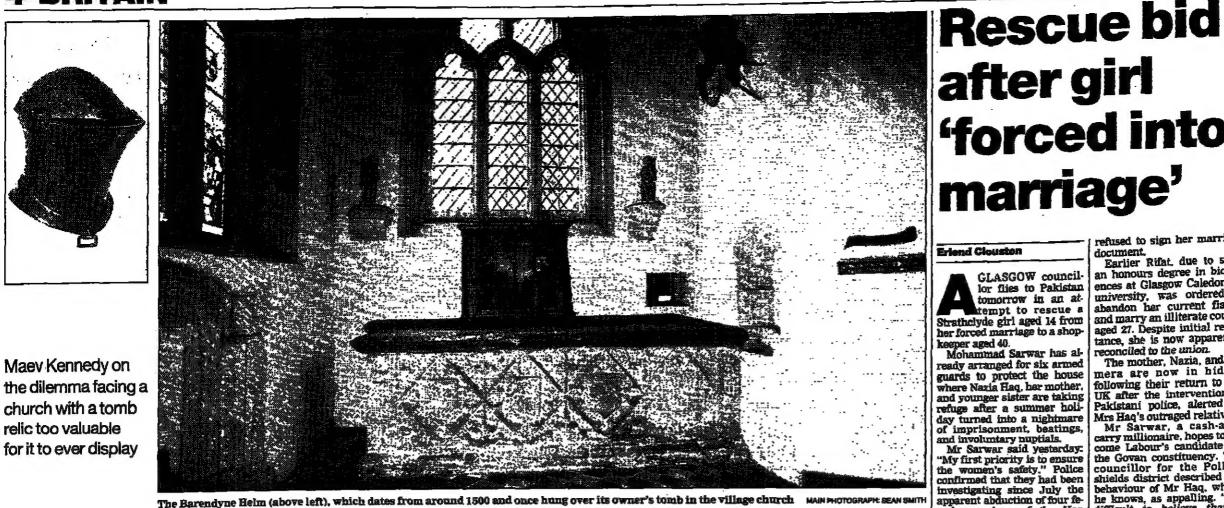
relatively sober, many of the 1,500 passengers did not. "The Finns have a very dif-ferent alcohol culture to other European countries," said a resigned Thomas Junell, the cruise host. "Basically, it's nothing to do with socialising - it's about getting drunk." Finland's strict alcohol laws and high taxes have fos-tered a Nordic tradition of "booze cruises" where pas-sengers buy cheap duty-free and drink their fill. By Saturday afternoon some ware already out for the count were already out for the count. But early on Sunday, a victori-ous Mr Saikkonen thought it might be time for a few beers. "Just six or seven," he said. "Just six or seven," he said. "Now I might get drunk." He plotted a careful course through swaying passengers trying to control beer-laden shopping-trolleys, avoiding prone bodies in gangways. An ambulance stood ready or the cuparticle as the form on the quayside as the ferry docked at 8am. downing the one-pint Large Tankard in 246 seconds. Filing off numbly, the pas "Don't try this at home," Harri Pajari, the championsengers headed unknowingly towards another challenge ship organiser, warned spec-tators. "It's the gas - it just has to come back up again." up the road, police were wait ing with breathalysers at a roadblock.

Plugged in and turned off,

the audio-zombies move through the gallery tracing preordained steps, obeying the voices in their heads.

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Legal joust looms over plan to sell medieval helm Armouries a £10,000 grant, subject to being satisfied an Oxfordshire church lie warned that its sale would an Oxfordshire church he le

an extorement courts, de spert spite doubts about the le-gality of such sales. The heim, which origi-nally hung above the tomb

of Sir William Barendyne, has been offered to the Royal Armouries for - a fraction of its £80,000 value on the open market because the church wants it to remain on public display in this country. It is alas "the greatest piece I have been instrumental in ready on display at the new Armouries museum in acquiring in my period at Armouries museum in acquiring m my period at ing Great Mitchi is months Leeds, opened by the Queen the Armouries". a week ago. The National Art Collec-tions Fund has offered the are strictly speaking not value to be displayed in the

The rector and church wardens of St Peter's, Great Haseley, have been given permission by the di-ocese of Oxford to sell the The Barendyne Heim, made in England around 1500, has been on loan to the Armouries at the Tower of London for more than 20 helm, although no heir has years. Ian Eaves, the keepbeen traced. er of armour, described it The Reverend Nigel

Bryan, who took over the parish with the neighbouring Great Milton 18 months

keeper of metalwork at the Victoria and Albert mu-seum in London, and a past president of the Meyrick Society of scholars of ar-mour, whose emblem is the Barendyne helm, said he was very sad to see churches selling such objects. He warned that the argu-

ment that the helm was lifted — leaving the wearer now divorced from its fighting blind, but comchurch setting and could pletely protecting the eyes.

most marked among women under 50.

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churches was permanently

House, central London. Almost nothing is known broken. The helm is extremely plain, but described by Mr Eaves as "a big beast with tremendous presence". It is frog-mouthed because just before the moment of impact between the two mounted, lance-bearing jousters, the head was

Collection in Hertford

of Sir William Barendyne. except that his tomb re-cords he was three times high sheriff of Oxfordshire. But Mr Baves said: "The helm shows clear signs of baving been used, and has the marks where it was struck by a lance, so you might wonder how good he

after girl 'forced into marriage'

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refused to sign her marriage locument.

GLASGOW councillor flies to Pakistan tomorrow in an attempt to rescue a Strathclyde girl aged 14 from her forced marriage to a shopkeeper aged 40. Mohammad Sarwar has al-

ready arranged for six armed guards to protect the house where Nazia Haq, her mother, and younger sister are taking refuge after a summer holiday turned into a nightmare of imprisonment, beatings,

Mr Sarwar said yesterday: "My first priority is to ensure the women's safety." Police confirmed that they had been investigating since July the apparent abduction of four female members of the Haq family.

Fatima Haq, aged 48, and her three daughters, Nazia, Rifat, aged 20, and Somera, aged nine, were allegedly seized by kidnappers wield-ing hockey-sticks shortly after travelling from the UK to the north Pakistan city of Wolker Multan. Their capture was apparently co-ordinated by Abdul Haq, aged 59, who had followed his wife and cal

daughters. Two weeks later. Nazia, a second-year pupil at Glas-gow's Hillhead High school, and then aged 13, was married to her father's nephew, Mohammad Iqbal. It is al-leged that in the days preceding the ceremony the women were drugged and beaten and Nazia was warned that her mother would be shot if she

Earlier Rifat, due to start an honours degree in bioscisla

ences at Glasgow Caledonian university, was ordered to abandon her current fiance and marry an illiterate cousin aged 27. Despite initial reluctance, she is now apparently reconciled to the union.

The mother, Nazia, and Somera are now in hiding following their return to the UK after the intervention of Pakistani police, alerted by Mrs Haq's outraged relatives.

Mr Sarwar, a cash-and-carry millionaire, hopes to be-come Labour's candidate for the Govan constituency. The councillor for the Pollokshields district described the behaviour of Mr Haq, whom he knows, as appalling. "It's difficult to believe that a father could treat his family

like this." Mr Haq, a businessman who operated in Glasgow for 20 years before returning east last summer, could face a charge of procuring his daughter for under-age sex. Police said that a report would shortly be delivered to the Glasgow procurator fis-

As Britain has no extradi-tion treaty with Pakistan, Mr Hag's fate will depend on the attitude of that country's gov-ernment. Under Islamic law as it operates in Pakistan, women can only be married over the age of 16 and never against their will. The Foreign Office said it had asked the High Commis-

sion in Islamabad to make



Mohammad Sarwar . . . 'priority is the women's safety'

'No clear cause' for fall in breast cancer deaths

Chris Mihili Medical Corre

EATH rates from breast cancer are fall-ing in England and Wales and in other Western countries, although researchers are unclear why, a report published today says. The fall in this country has been well documented, but

cancer scientists say it is now being echoed in many neigh-bouring countries — although pared to 14,008 in 1989. The new study, by Carol Hermon and Valerie Beral, not all. Breast cancer deaths in England and Wales peaked in 1986 and 1987 at around 57 per 100,000 women. They have been falling since and are now

around 50 per 100,000 women. By 1993, deaths were 10 per cent lower than in 1965-89 In numerical terms, there

showing a fall are Belgium, Hungary, Poland and Spain, but this may be because they had comparatively low rates from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, which is pub-lished in the British Journal of Cancer, looks at 20 to begin with.

countries, analysing mortal-ity rates between 1950 and 1992, and concludes that in 16 there has been a levelling off The researchers say a num-ber of factors may be respon-sible for the fall, chief of which are earlier diagnosis

were 13,026 deaths attributed or a fall in deaths. The fall is and better treatment. Screen-to breast cancer in 1993, com- most marked among women ing to pick up breast cancer at is protective, and this could ing to pick up breast cancer at an early, treatable, stage is be working through into the lower rates of breast cancer thought to be having an effect being seen in postwar mothin countries where it has been in place for a number of ers. The average age at first birth, and the number of years, but the researchers say it is too soon yet to quantify childless women, decreased after the second world war.

its effect in Britain. Changes in childbearing patterns may also be a play-ing a role. It is known that having children while young





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NUS leaders face grants battle

dent numbers and erosion of the grant over the past five years, Labour say the current NUS policy would cost more than £10 billion. Jim Murphy. the union president and a member of Labour Students, said: "The reality is we have a policy that mobile of an output They want to replace grants with a system of partnership funding in which student policy that nobody else sup-ports. The NUS has to decide whether it wants to have any costs are financed by a mixture of taxpayers, businesses and the students.

The change, defeated at a influence over political par-special conference in Derby ties or go on sloganising."

Rape campaigners' centre faces eviction in rent row

national significance, should not funded by a local council. The Housing Association, a charity providing subsidised housing, said it wants the centre to pay a commercial rent of £6,000 a year. "We do not think it is our job to pay for voluntary organisations," said spokesman Mick Sweeney. But Solueig Francis, a spokeswoman for the women's centre, said: "We were shocked and bewildered that a community housing Maggie O'Kane AtoNDON women's can-tre, whose campaigning has led to a number of changes in the law on rape — including getting rape in mar-riage recognised as a crime — is due to be evicted from its premises today. The charity's landlords, The Housing Association, has The Housing Association, has won a court order to have the won a court order to have the King's Cross Women's Centre evicted after trying for two years to increase its pepper-corn rent of £2 a week. Camden council, north Lon-don, will consider an appeal for emergency funding to allow the centre to rent other premises early next week, al-though it has been reluctant

> The £30,000 Orange Prize casts its net wider than the Booker. "It is open to more writers than any other prize in the world," insists Kate Mosse, who is chairing the first panel of judges. As long as they happen to be women.

though it has been reluctant to step in. It believes the cen-tre's legal work, which is of years for rape.

Gary Younge reports on a second attempt by Blairites to ditch free education policy STUDENTS gather in Blackpool today for an explosive NUS confer-ence as the Blairite leader-ship attempts to overturn the union's support for the prin-ciple of free education. Labour Students on the er-ecutive aim to ditch the pol-icy of restoring grants to their in line with inflation. They want to replace grants

Socialist Organiser. Opposition is not confined to the hard left. One Labour insider on the centre of the party said: "It will make it easier for the party, but that is not the NUS's job and it could backfire. the most apoli-ticlsed student can see that it is not in his interests to drop creases in stress-related ill-ness and eating disorders. is not in his interests to drop support for grants."

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Ministry accused of helping to destroy the farming industry by trying to protect it at the expense of the consumer

Cut in aid 'helped the spread of BSE'

Decision may be near on slaughter

billion.

John Mullin

HE eradication of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) had been

nent, would cost the beef in-dustry at least £25 million a made much more difficult by the Government's year, but the National Farm-ers' Union conceded that the decision two years ago to cut compensation to farmers with infected cattle, a medical ex-pert said last night. nfected cattle, a medical ex-ert said last night. Douglas Latto, chairman of ble. It is the world's second

the board of governors of the most recognised brand name, British Safety Council, said behind Coca-Cola. One offisome farmers, faced with los-ing money, had instead de-cided to sell cattle at the first cial called it "the most devas-tating development since the sign of the disease, either at rket or in the abattoir. "Cattle which should have been incinerated have been getting into the food chain." The Ministry of Agriculture no home trade. The abattoirs

are just shutting up shop." Paul Preston, chief execu cut compensation in January 1994. Farmers who hand over tive of McDonald's UK, said cows with BSE for incineration now get only the value of he was confident British beef an older cow, a loss of about was safe, but it was the cus-£200 on the approximate £900 tomers' view which counted. for a healthy animal. The ministry had acknowl-Even if the Government announced new measures, the

edged the shortcomings of such a policy four years ear-lier. It had raised the 50 per ers remained suspicious. third. Supermarkets were slashing the prices of beef at cent compensation level, on offer from August 1968, to the lunch-time on Saturday but were still unable to encourage full market amount in February 1990. purchases. Several are con-

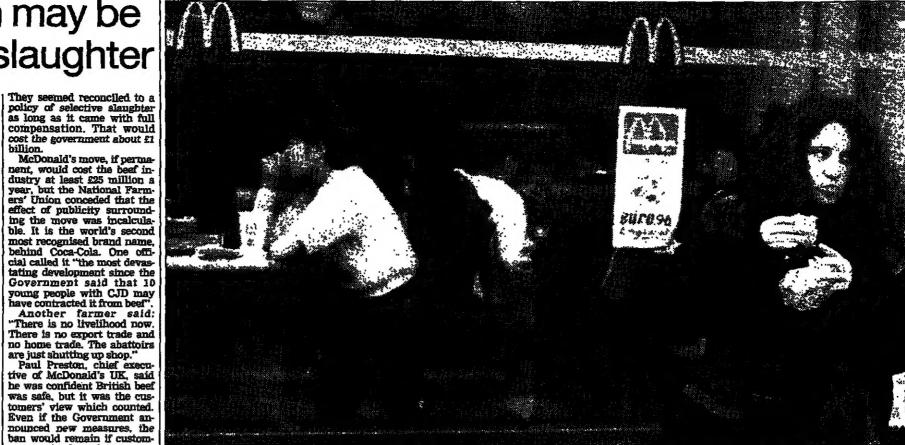
Dr Latto said: "There is no doubt that the change in pol-icy has contributed to a much sidering a switch to foreign produced beef. Bill Shannon higher incidence of BSE than would otherwise be the case The ministry's policy hout has been co productive. It has tried to pro-tect the industry instead of There are fears about em-ployment. There are 40,500 the consumer, and, by doing farm holdings with dairy

cows and 72,100 with beef cows, some of them overlap-ping. The abattoir sector emso, is helping to destroy it." Amid growing panic within Britain's beef farming community, Douglas Hogg, the ploys 15,400 people More than half the coun-try's 25,000 schools are Agriculture Minister, sig-nalled that the Government

might bow to Labour de-mands for the slaughter of cattle born before 1990, when thought to have taken beef off the menu. Pat Fellows, national chairman of the Local Authority Caterers Association, said: "Having been involved in this issue for an offal ban was introduced and farmers were banned from feeding meat and bone meal to cattle.

ate for government action.

some months, I am getting more and more concerned. On Meal infected with scrapie, the equivalent disease found in sheep, was held respon-sible for the onset of BSE, a personal level, I think we have to be safer rather than sorry, and we should not give schoolchildren beef first noticed in 1986, but feeding the meal to pigs and products."



Beef is off the menn at this McDonald's in Shaftesbury Avenue in London's West End until supplies of European beef arrive 👘 Photograph DAVID SULITOE

Chicken McSandwich fills the Big Mac gap

general manager of Co-op brands, said: "What we need Martin Wainwright is some clarity on how to

NE thing was miss-ing from the cheerful debris of the Blackburn family's lunch table yesterday, at McDon-ald's in Guiseley on the outskirts of Leeds. Among the dabs of ketchup

spilt chips, and five-year-old Sophie's Happy Meal mouse toy, there was not a speck of burger, Big Mac, or any other form of beef.

"We wouldn't have ordered burgers even if they had been on the menu," said Mrs Sukie Blackburn, who gave up the mest in December when Professor Bernard Tominson an-nounced his personal boycott, "We'd already stopped giving it to the children," added har beef husband, Philip, who is in

Fast food outlets winning fight against burger backlash THE Big Mac and Quar-terpounder might be off Another option is fillet of plenty to sink your teeth cluding fries and soft There's still a great variety into for a fast food fix, writes Vivek Chaudhary.

McDonald's vegetarian burgers are very popular at £1.59 each or £2.88 including french fries and a soft drink. If you must have meat,

there are Chicken McNug-

Manager John Hanson was told to withdraw all beef products only on Saturday night, promptly stepping up his Chicken McSandwich and Nuggets order and running the Big Breakfast menu for an extra hour-and-a-half to mid-

drink. "We were doing pizzas but unfortunately that promotion has stopped," said a McDonald's spokesman at

one of their central London branches. Other burger outlets also have plenty of alternatives.

and two friends visiting Leeds from Birmingham bore this out, eating their unaccus-tomed McSandwiches under a

The huge number of takeaway kebab restaurants across the country also provide beef dissenters of dishes on offer, despite the fact that not many with useful alternatives. Then of course, there are people are choosing to eat the that the grow-beef these days," said a chip shops, and the grow-spokesman for Fatty ing popularity of Indian Arbuckles. food means that a quick the traditional fish and e are choosing to eat

Arbuckles. "We've got vegetable la-segne, burgers and vegeta-ble salads." non-beef snack can be just as enticing as a suc burger.

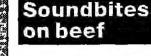
wanting beef this morning, their reaction has been agreed. "There just aren't mostly just surprise." Matthew Jacques, aged 24, given," sbe said.

"No wonder people are wor-ried. I mean, suppose you're taking colliver oil pastels — I nearby table commented: heard this morning that "Eat a burger? It would sim shelf of McFact Cards on 100 they've got beef extract in as ply depend on how hungry I Thursday.

beef via haddock and cod. Yorkshire fish and chips are

spokesman, Neil Johnson, said: "We changed over some time ago to dripping derived entirely from Irish beef. We've kept a close eye on the matter and EU veterinary reports, and the Irish herd is completely free of the

Back at McDonald's, the Filet-o-Fish was duly going well, while the chain's new Vegetable Deluxe, introduced in response to customer de mand, is expected to arrive in Leeds shortly after successful trials in the North-west. Staff are meanwhile preparing to flag up the Dutch beef burgers due to come to the rescue on



'We have to get rid of the infected herds, and replace them in a sensible way on new ground, and that is the problem because the infection can persist on grass for years' Professor Richard Lacey of Leeds University

'[That is] the most extraordinary statement | have ever heard, Professor Lacey must be in a minority of one' Leading vet Dr Rosalind Ridley

'People are now making up their own minds and ignoring the Govemment - who are so arrogant and out of touch that they no longer seem to notice that the public doesn't trust them'

Shadow health secretary Harriet Harman

raditionally cooked in beef dripping rather than the South's preferred oil. But Harry's, too, has aban-doned British animal fat. A

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Line and a state was permitted until Michael Young, of the Food textile sales. "Twe not been so extra some cows would still be eat-some cows would still be eat-ing it. Dr Latto said that Government come up with me now." [Pool Sunday lunch custom was today and the format involved for myself. The format involved for myself is that the meant the killing of the one proposals to deal with the sunday lunch custom was today and the format involved eradicate BSE. As McDonald's announced it was no longer serving British beef, farmers were desper-

mentation should not be down to the Ministry of Agriculture. It had conflicting roles in representing both the

Sales of beef are down by a

anage this problem

restaurant and "drive-thru", but there were still queues a all five counters and few seats to be had round the yellow industry and the consumer. and red tables and booths.

in our product, but in present circumstances, it's going to be European beef only, starting on Thursday, Still, when we've told that to customers

"We've still had plenty of people asking for burgers today, mind you," he said. "We've got every confidence ues would have gone for burgers had they been available. "I think it's a bit of media thing," said his friend, Rich-ard Bateson, aged 23. But Cheryl Evans, downing a cof-

mix for baking cakes.

felt. If anything has some Philip Blackburn bad taken in a similar report about chicken stock cubes contain-ing beef, while Sukie, rescu-A mile up the road at Harry Ramsden's fish-and-chip resing two-year-old Ben's Match-box car from a chip bag, was taurant, the traditional queue was as long as ever - though customers were not under concerned about beef suct in any illusions about escaping

"Where isn't it?" she said

"You feel as though the

answer is to eat nothing, though that's hardly practi-

Huge posters of Ronald M wrong, it's a bit late for me to Donald in a windmill and be worried."

clogs? "No," said Robert Parker of McDonald's British headquarters. "But we will cer-tainly be making sure that customers know where we get our beaf."

for large parts of the farm-

ers because of the nature of the product. Much of the

VIEW FROM THE FARM: a traditional farmer (below left) and an organic farmer (below right) on the controversy threatening thousands of jobs

'All I know is I don't trust scientists'

ALL the uncertainty | followed drove a lot of egg about BSE and CJD, the producers out of business, but only certain thing I know the incidence of salmonella has continued to rise sharply. Beware the scientist wavis that I do not trust

we have been subjected to some headline-grabbing sci-entific statement that the sheep-dipping contractor that organo-phosphorous sheep dips make you ill. For years turned out to be a complete scientists disputed that, but load of organic manure. Do you remember the Great medical opinion now is that Egg That Edwina Laid (on the OPs may be a significant confinest scientific evidence, of tributory factor to Parkincourse)? The knee jerks that | son's disease.

My own, totally unscien-tific, observation over the years does suggest that when it comes to man versus na-ture, nature will get you in the end. I don't know whether BSE was caused by feeding herbivores the crushed, dried and powdered corpses of other diseased animals, but it is hardly a natural diet.

Farmers were obliged by law to protect cattle against warble fly by pouring some very nasty organo-phospho rous liquid along their spines. We do not know --- and Maff [Ministry of Agriculture, Pisheries and Food] is not saying — what its long-term effects might be.

For years we have fought disease with antibiotics. Now nature is producing resistant strains of bugs which, a doctor friend tells me, are frightening the medical profession. That may be the next public panic.

All forms of intensive livestock rearing move away from nature, and without these systems we cannot feed ever-growing populations. Nature does not like over-population. It has three tried and trusted remedies for it war, famine and pestilence. We may well be in for a spot of pestilence. My doctor friend has a "worst case scenario" of 10

million CJD cases by 2005. No one knows what causes it, but there has to be a scapegoat

and it looks as though it is going to be beef. I shall do my best for beef by continuing to eat it. But I

am prepared to bet that some scientist will pop up with the news that CJD has no connec tion to beef whatsoever --- but will we believe him?

R. W. F. Poole is a farmer in Ain wick, Northumberland

'We have been struggling to get message across'

Geoffrey Glbbs

Farm into a fully organic **IM** and Jo Budden are business, and run a pedigree herd of about 100 cat-tile, a flock of 850 sheep and seething at the way all beef farmers are being 40 acres of organically-protarred with the BSE brosh. For the past 11 years they have farmed 300 acres at duced corn. "We are a self-contained

subsidy schemes they have turned Higher Hacknell

herd and have very strict controls on feedstuffs Burrington, north Devon, and pride themselves on the quality of the beef and which have to be approved by the Soil Association," Tim Budden said yesterday. lamb they produce. Despite the disincentives inherent in government "Our calves get their pro-

on clover grassland. We ing industry, but sees a ray have proved you can produce excellent meat without using hormones and fertilisers." The Buddens' self con-

farm's output is sold direct to the consumer and tained herd has never had through farm shops. so much as a suggestion of BSE, but they are nervous Ian Shears, who runs Highfield Harvest Organic about the all-embracing im-pact of the CJD scare and Farm Shop at Tops near Exeter, has had one of his busiest weeks in the deeply critical of what they

and the cattle are fattened

tein from their mothers' | the impact of the latest BSE milk, we grow our own oats | scare will be catastrophic

See as "stupendous retail trade. "I am not bungling" by the Govern-ment in its handling of the rejoicing about it but we have been bashing away to issue.

get the organic message "The problem has largely | across for a long time." arisen from within the He said the scare was making people think more dairy industry, where calves removed from their carefully on a general level mothers had to be fed with about what they were eatanimal proteins. The ma-jority of traditional calf producers are BSE free." ing. He had completely sold out of organic milk during the week and was selling a Tim Budden fears that lot of gelatine-free jelly.

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In Turin this week, Europe's leaders open the long and potentially acrimonious



inter-governmental conference to review the Maastricht treaty and map out the shape and powers of the European Union. In the first of a series on the view from key EU states, lan Traynor in Bonn hears a country speaking with two voices --- the people's, and the government's

curate, tale. Just over half of effectively Germany's cab-inet minister for the Eurothose Germans surveyed said the Bonn parliament should be responsible for foreign and security policy, as opposed to 38 per cent who would vest pean Union, is fond of citing the great German public in support of the Euro-federalist policies he tirelessly this authority in the EU. The same preferences ap-plied to control of monetary The European citizen, he said last week, is "urgently demanding" a common EU policy. More than 60 per cent wanted their parliament and not Brussels in charge of ecodemanding" a common EU foreign policy. "The public feels two gaps in the political union particularly painfully. One is internal and legal pol-icy, the other is foreign and security policy. Both concern areas where the public ex-pects European action be-cause they see that these problems can no longer be tackled at the national level." The source of Mr Hoyer's insight into the ordinary European's feelings is unnomic policy, almost 70 per cent wanted their parliament to run employment policy, and almost 80 per cent wanted

their parliament to control social policy. Poll after poll has shown two out of three Germans op-posed to trading the German mark for the euro common currency. In short, the German public

European's feelings is unis sceptical when it comes to clear. But his assertion bears scant relation to the views of the pursuit of Mr Kohl's key foreign policy alm - making ordinary Germans as shown European political union in opinion polls. German state television irreversible. That campaign moves up a

ERNER Hoyer, and Munich's Sueddeutsche gear later this week when EU tation of disappointment, the British White Paper on and the French are far apart ardent Euro-Zeitung have been telling a heads of government gather in Bonn is trimming its aims. the EU proved how the Gov-integrationist different, probably more ac the northern Italian city of Senior German diplomats say ernment was incapable of ments and the European Par-ments and effectively cursta tale Just over helf of Turin to compare the Division of Chiver's predilec-Turin to open a potentially ac-rimonious bargaining session reviewing 1991's Maastricht tions open. Unlike most other rimonious bargaining session reviewing 1991's Maastricht treaty and mapping out the EU's future shape and powers. It is clear what the maxi-malist German position to the second second

'If the British don't want to board the train, they won't hold it up for long'

would be: uniform immigra-But already Britain is being blamed for potential failure in Turin. "The problems we have with the British are funtion and asylum policies, a concerted European police force, common foreign and defence policies agreed through majority voting, doing away with national vetoes, progress towards turning the Western damental and insoluble," Mr Hoyer said last week. "If the British don't want to board the European train, they certainly won't be able to hold it European Union into the EU's defence arm, and greater pow-ers for the European

Karl Lammers, one of Mr Karl Lammers, one of Mr Kohl's key EU strategists, said John Major cannot be It is equally clear that this list will be frustrated, not least by British resistance. allowed the role of spoiler in Turin. In a speech in Bonn

said

Before Turin and in expec

Parliament

Mr Lam cliched refrain that the "Franco-German motor of European Union" was running on all cylinders. But there are key differences between France and Germany and the relationship between Mr Kohl and Jacques Chirac is a pale shadow of the pro-EU bond between Mr Kohl and François Mitterrand.

In a joint Franco-German paper last month on the IGC, the Germans beat a slight tacthe Germans beat a slight tac-tical retreat, agreeing to a new notion of "constructive abstention" in fashioning EU foreign and defence policy and also calling for all mem-ber states to afhere to a "soli-darity clause", but a solidar-ity "which naturally also takes account of individual member states' legitimate member states' legitimate

nember interests", German diplomats admit this is backtracking, forced

tion for unconsulted solo moves on the military whether it be nuclear testing, abolishing conscription, or Nato policy — have infuriated the Germans and Bonn sees the French as positioned somewhere between the British sceptics and the German

enthusiasts. The problem for Mr Kohl and Mr Hoyer is that their policies enjoy, at best, luke-warm support at home. And that could be further tested as Germany's economic crisis worsens and unemployment

soars. The powerful central bank chief, Hans Tietmeyer, was more in line with public sentiment this week. He was so critical of the single currency project that German commen-tators declared he had joined Britain's Eurosceptics against his own government.

Queen's historic visit stirs war memories

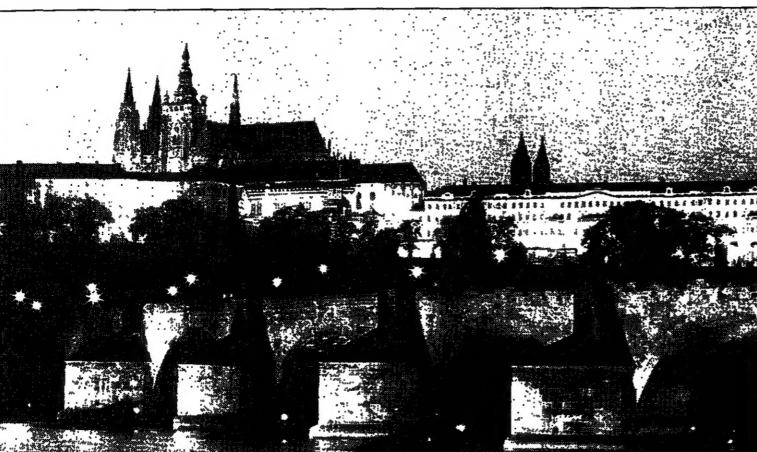
ian Traynor in Bonn

TE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive in Warsaw today, kicking off visit to post-communist central Europe. It will be the first time a reigning British monarch has set foot in either Poland or the Czech lands.

The five-day trip to the old citles of Warsaw, Krakow in southern Poland, Prague, and the Moravian capital, Brno — for centu-ries centres of European culture, but for half of this century stifled under com-munism — will highlight the rapidly changing face of

the region. The formal centrepiece of the visit will be the regal address to the Sejm. the Polish parliament, tomorrow and the banquet speech to be given in Prague Cas-tle's spectacular Spanish Hall on Wednesday eve-ning. Stud farms, brewer-ies, ballet, and war memorials are also on the

itinerary. Following a plea from Britain's Jewish commu-nity, there has been a late addition. The Queen is to



State elections give boost to **Bonn coalition**

THE German opposition's at-tempt to steal Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl's thunder and portray itself as the guardian of German jobs flopped humili-atingly yesterday when the Social Democrats lost up to five percentage points in

regional polls. Germany's "Super Sunday" ballots in three of its 16 states bolstered Mr Kohl's Christian Democrat-led government in Bonn, with his small coalition pariner, the Free Democrats, rising from their sick bed and entering all three regional parliaments.

After years of seemingly terminal crisis, the FDP per-formed much better than pre-dicted and, for the time being it least, it looks as though

The principal losers of the three polls - in Baden-Wirtemberg, in the western state of Rhineland-Palatinate, and Schleswig-Holstein -- were the Social Democrats, in national opposition for 18 years and hoping for better times under their new leader. Oskar Lafontaine. Barly projections showed former Soviet the Social Democrats down German jobs. round four percentage points in the southern and vestern states and five points o muster the five per cent been punished ' eded to enter parliament,

crats were well pleased with the outcome

The results mean that the Social Democrats have lost their ability to rule alone in Schleswig-Holstein and will probably forge a coalition with the Greens. In Baden-Württemberg, the Social Dem-ocrats are drummed out of a

"grand coalition" govern-ment with the Christian Dem-

ocrats into opposition. One hundred days into Mr Lafontaine's stewardship of the SPD, the Baden-Württemtalk of a coalition collapse in Bonn has been banished. berg poll, in particular, is a shattering blow to his revivalist ambitions. The SPD fought prosperous southern state, de-manding a postponement of the scheduled 1999 launch of the single European currency and a halt to the immigration of ethnic Germans from the former Soviet Union to save But the party polled only a projected 25.6 per cent, down almost four points on 1992. "The grand coalition is at an end," said Erwin Teufel, the down in the north. "It's a surprising and a very disappointing result," said Ulrich Maurer, a leading Stuttgart Social Democrat. "Under Manager and a end," said Erwin Teufel, the state's Christian Democratic prime minister. "The SPD waged a frightful campaign. It has a frightful campaign. It has a frightful campaign. It the state is the state All eyes were on the FDP's has destroyed more in the performance. If it had failed past three weeks than in years and quite rightly it has

questions would have been raised about the longevity of the national coalition. But the FDP scored nearly 10 per cent FDP scored nearly 10 per cent in Baden-Württemberg and comfortably qualified for par-liament in the other two polls. "Fantastic," said Klaus Kin-kel, the foreign minister and former FDP leader. Super Sunday was widely viewed as a crucial mid-term test for Mr Kohl and last night his Christian Demo-crats were well pleased with

Umshlagplatz, from where the Nazis deported Jews to the Treblinka death camp.

An embarrassing little in-cident that is likely to be ignored, however, concerns a factory 60 miles east of Prague, which has just become the beneficiary of her eldest son's charity. The Prince of Wales'

Business Leaders' Forum, a charity active in promoting decent private enterprise in last week awarded an envi-ronmental prize to the Synthesia plant in the town of Pardubice.

Synthesia is better known as the manufacturer of Semtex, the interna-tional terrorist's preferred bomb material and an ex-

plosive used by the IRA.

Through the ructions of transition from communism, Poland and the Czech Republic have much in common, but they have different experiences of Brit-

BOSNIA'S former warring | Colum Murphy, a spokesman parties geared up to | for Carl Bildt, the interna-

World news in brief

release more prisoners yes-terday after the big powers threatened to withhold recon-struction aid if they reneged

on obligations undertaken in

from the Serb side to release

all prisoners from noon today

except those who are consid-ered war criminals," said

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the Dayton peace accord.

are well-disposed because it was Hitler's invasion of that country in September 1939 that brought the Brit-ish declaration of war against the Nazis.

Bosnian rivals prepare to free prisoners

tional community's High Rep-resentative in Bosnia.

Mr Murphy added that Bos-nian Croats had said they would release 10 of their 51

prisoners by the end of today.

on Sunday called upon the Bosnian Serbs and Croats to

immediately release the pris-

oners they hold or face eco-

tle Atlantis with the Russian space station Mir. Nasa chiefs

paused yesterday to savour the third successful rendez-

Atlantis docked with Mir at

the weekend and transferred

US astronaut and blochemist

Shannon Lucid to the Russian

station for an 18-week stay. She is to be followed on Mir by at least four other US as-

tronauts on a rotating basis.

vous with Mir.

"The High Representative



endless toasts and Czechoslovakia to Hitler in [speeches. On the whole, the Poles

Munich in 1938, prompting Chamberlain's empty claim of baving achieved "peace in our tim The Nazis marched into Czechoslovakia and an-nexed the Sudetenland area, populated then by

Murphy said.

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Nasa savours docking success

as it plans for joint space station

As astronauts slept after two years of American pres-

"Shannon's a member of accomplish as we work the Mir crew now." Nasa said. "So we're on our way for space station." - Reuter.

nomic consequences," Mr

Prime ministers from five

big powers met on Saturday and vowed to postpone a fun-

draising conference for Bos-

nian reconstruction if the par-

ties did not release their

prisoners. The Bosnian gov-

Saturday evening. - Reuter. The dead and the deadline.

ernment freed 109 prisoners on

Atlantis astronauts Linda

Godwin and Rich Clifford will

conduct the first spacewalk while the shuttle is united

The manager of the shuttle-

Mir programme, Frank Cul-

bertson, said the successful

docking underscores how US

and Russian officials have learned to work together.

"We're beginning to demon-

strate the things that we will

with Mir on Wednesday.

Germans occupied and par-titioned all of Czechoslovakia, establishing a puppe fascist regime in Slovakia and a Bohemian protectorate in the Czech lands.

Those experiences still rankle in Prague, particuain, something that will probably be discreetly com-mented upon during the cause they sacrificed onset of the Second World the West is again guilty of evening.

against merger

Up to 30,000 Bielarussians

Soviet rally yesterday against their president's plans to

merge with Russia, marching through Minsk and besieging

The demonstrators left at

the urging of police, but riot

police beat small groups out-side the headquarters of the

security service. Several pro-

testers were left apparently

Escapees hunted

At least 16 people have been killed in Libya in four days of

clashes between the array and

about 400 escaped prisoners. travellers arriving in an

Egyptian horder town said

Obasanio moved -

One of Nigeria's best-known

political prisoners, former

president Ölusegun Obasanjo.

has been moved to another

jail, apparently to protect him

from a meningitis epidemic

erday. - Reuter.

state television offices.

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Minsk marches | paid by the CIA helped cover

War, in March 1939, the | appeasement, this time | • The US first lady, Hillary towards the Russians, in its wariness of allowing the former Soviet satellites to join Nato for fear of offending Moscow.

This is a theme that is bound to surface when President Vaclav Havel takes the floor in the Spanish Hall on Wednesday goslavia today.

Rodham Clinton, sought to boost the morale of families of US troops on peacekeep ing duty in Bosnia yester day as she opened an eight-day goodwill tour at the 1st Armoured Division hase at Baumbold, Germany. Mrs Clinton is to visit front-line US troops in the former Yu-

Church 'colluded with Paris to expel refugee protesters'

Alex Dural Smith in Peris

THE French Catholic Church colluded with police over the expulsion of more than 60 immigrants who had occupied a Paris church,

human rights activists claimed yesterday. The 63 people, who were among 400 from Mali and Senegal to occupy Saint-Am-broise parish church in central Paris last week, were taken to a detention centre for dawn raid by riot police yes-terday morning. Many are ex-pected to be expelled. Henri Leclerc, a barrister who heads the French Human Rights League, said the immi-grants and their supporters had been duped by Church and state. "These people were in a desperate situation, tired of uniting more to hear their of waiting years to have their refugee status confirmed. We had asked for an interior ministry mediator to be appointed and had received as-surances of their safety from

Four hundred immigrants some asylum-seekers and others with French-born children or spouses, occupied Saint-Ambroise last Monday, demanding swift action to seReyotters

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on Friday, they were evicted from the church by riot police and 43 of them were detained. The remaining protesters occupied a nearby sports centre, which was stormed early yesterday, lead-ing to a further 20 arrests. The archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lus-

tiger, last week defended the decision to hand over the keys of the church to police. Father Yves de Mallmann, a spokesman for the diocese said yesterday: "We did give the police our blessing but we were arged to do so by the interior ministry."

Father Jean-Pierre Caveau, vicar of Saint-Ambroise, said his prime concern was to keep the church open for wor-ship. "We could not guaran-tee their safety in the church. nor acceptable sanitary conditions."

Most people see Tony Parsons as an angry polemicist, a bad-boy street ranter, and yet how far that is from the truth. His interviews are, more than anything else, extended expressions of gratitude that he has been

the government."

allowed into the presence.

Israeli leader — holds his birth certificate yesterday

New offensive The Sri Lankan military is expected to launch a huge new offensive in the northern Jafina península, a government newspaper said yester-day. The military announced 40 soldiers were killed and 14 wounded in a rebel attack near the town of Batti-

caloa. - Reuter. Killer bees

A swarm of "killer bees" at sweeping the country. -- AP. tacked a group of farmers in central Costa Rica at the Murder cover-up Two Guatemalan presidents, weekend, killing one man and injuring five others, Red Cross officials said. — Reuter. two defence ministers and high-ranking military officers

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ordanian infant Yitzhak Rabin -- named for the slain



weighing new accusations from within the Guatemalan armed forces implicating the country's military and intelli-gence chiefs in the killing of a Guatemalan guerrilla. --- NYT.

ruler Mathieu Kerekou consolidated his dramatic come back in Benin yesterday, when its top court proclaimed him winner of its presidential

up the facts of the killing of Michael DeVine, an Ameri-can innkeeper, in Guatemala in 1990, US officials have con-

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President Saddam Hussein prays in a shrine in Samaara, north-west of Baghdad, during a provincial tour in the run-up to yesterday's election to Iraq's national assembly. Millions of Iraqis voted in the first parliamentary poll since the 1991 Gulf war, with ostensibly independent candidates far outnumbering those of the ruling Ba'ath Party. The 250-seat parliament has no real power and invariably backs President Saddam's decisions

God, woe Montreal, as English flee

Quebec separatism is robbing a once vibrant and beautiful city of its social and economic lifeblood, writes Anne Swardson

children and head to rainy Vancouver, leaving their babysitter of 12 years, the city where Elaine grew up, her widowed father, a bled by last year's hard-fought referendum on Quebec separation which federalists won by just one bilingual culture and any hope of building a snow-man in winter. For the Perzows, quitting

percentage point, are de-parting for other provinces and the United States, fear-Montreal is expensive, but the only choice. 'The leav-ing because of the economy ing the next battle will go and the bleak future here. Sometimes you have to cut your losses and start over,"

the separatists' way, Today Montrealers go to the poils in byelections for two seats in the national said Mrs Perzow, aged 40. "It's hard enough to live with the kind of stresses parliament which are seen as a barometer for the strength of separatist senti-

eaving

OON. Elaine and in serious trouble. Its tax with the growing popular-Sidney Perzow will base is eroding, poverty is ity of "partition", the no-load up the three increasing, roads are deter tion that if Quebec can be riorating and citizens are separated from Canada by a democratic vote, as sepa English-speakers, trouratists contend, Montreal can be separated from Quebec in the same way. Various options have been 'No matter what

happens, we of the linguistic minority will suffer'

floated, including the desig-

last October's referendum, many corporations have been laying plans to leave. **Housing construction has**

fallen off for eight consecu tive years. Unemployment and poverty are higher than in any other big Canadian city. So much office space is vacant Montrealers are no longer amused by the old saw about the visitor who asked who "A. Louer" was because he seemed to own every build-ing in town (à louer means to let). "The city of Montreal is

becoming a place for immigrants, the poor and the el-derly," said Peter Trent, mayor of Westmount, a largely English-speaking

Barbara Rubin Wainrib, a psychologist, surveyed

enced prior to the referen-dum. My family has been here for 200 years. I feel that, no matter what hap-pens, we of the [linguistic] minority, no matter what our race or ethnic origin, will suffer."

One old-stock French

speaker said her children and their spouses were so divided family members had not spoken to one another for two weeks. Thes ses come from resi dents of a city long consid ered a monument to bilin-gualism. About 55 per cent of Montrealers are native speakers of French, another 19 per cent grew up speaking English, and 26 per cent have a third language as their native tongue. Workers of all kinds shift languages at

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observed after it takes back the British territory in 1997. The China-controlled pre paratory committee, meeting in Beijing to set up institu-

Reuter In Beljing

Queen's birthday goes. The committee was formally CHRISTMAS and Easter es-Caped the fate planned for Hong Kong's elected legisla-ture yesterday, with China announcing it will allow the two Christian festivals to be observed after it takes hask beginning the process that will end Hong Kong's elected Legislative Council (Legco), when China resumes sovereignty on July 1 next year. It is to be replaced by a provi-sional legislature formed by means acceptable to China. "Some people recently have raised a motion in Legco to

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responsible act towards Hong

WORLD NEWS 7 Jubilant Taiwan hints at detente

Andrew Higgins in Talpei

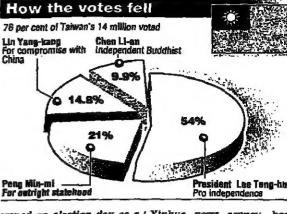
S THE euphoria subsided yesterday after Taiwan's weekend lection, the first of its kind in any Chinese society, Taiwan confronted the issue that had dominated the campaign but which Presi-dent Lee Teng-hui ignored in his victory speech - China. There was speculation in Taipei that just as Richard Nixon broke the ice with Beijing in 1972, Mr Lee migh seek accommodation with China before an inauguration ceremony on May 20. "This mandate allows him

to make concessions. He has established himself as someone who stands up to China. Now he can step back," said Samuel Woo at National Cheng Chi University. The failure of Beijing to scare voters off Mr Lee, according to this optimistic scenario, could also allow Jiang Zemin China's Communist Party eader, to stand up to more bellicose elements in the People's Liberation Army. Mr Lee's triumph, with 54 per cent of the vote, marks

a stinging defeat for China's policy of military intimidation, due to continue today with the final phase of a week-long display of ground. air and naval forces near Tai-wanese-held islands off the coast of Fujian.

While China had derided the poll as a sham, 76 per cent of Taiwan's 14 million voters cast ballots. In its first com-ment yesterday, Beljing said voters had "dealt a heavy" blow to the cause of Taiwanicy of peace based on the prin-ciples of equality and good-will. I am basically optimistic but I think it takes time." ese independence. The only It will also take a dramatic candidate overtly advocating a declaration of statehood, eng Ming-min, came second with 21 per cent

Beijing avoided insulting attempts to re-enter the Mr Lee, whom it had con- United Nations. The official



demned on election day as a [Xinhua news agency, how dictator "leading Taiwan to ever, hinted Beljing might the abyss of misery". Washington, its policy of so-

want to put the episode be-hind it. It reported briefly, called engagement with China and without any mention of in tatters, welcomed Mr Lee's victory but will be urging him the word election, that Mr Lee "We place our hopes on the to curb his defiance. Mr Lee offered no immedi-

Taiwan people and ardenfly call on all the Chinese, includ-ing Taiwan compatriots, to join hands and make unremitate signs of retreat. After a celebratory sing-along in Taipei he vowed to "preserve our national dignity" and press on with efforts to raise Taiting efforts to oppose separat-ism and 'Taiwan indepen-dence'," Xinhua quoted an unnamed official as saying.

While the Democratic Pro-gressive Party's pro-indepen-But Lien Chan, his prime dence candidate. Mr Peng, did minister and running mate, badly, two candidates favour-ing reconciliation with China did even worse. Lin Yangsaid Taiwan was "seriously interested in thinking about" a pact with China to put a forkang, the most fervent advomal end to the civil war that divided China into Kuomin-tang-controlled Taiwan and cate of compromise, came third with 14.8 per cent of the vote, and an independent the communist mainland in 1949. "We should pursue a pol-Buddhist, Chen Li-an, trailed fourth with 9.9 per cent.

"It sends a clear message to China that the people of Tai-wan do not want unification." said Parris Chang, an MP and

chairman of the foreign af-fairs committee. "They want change of heart in Beijing, which is unlikely to be satisfied with symbolic gestures. It either separation or independemands that Taipei shandon dence. People are defiant. They don't want to be part of China.

Beijing wishes Hong Kong a happy Christmas

the handover, said Good Fri- I elections to seat Hong Kong's day could also stay, but the first chief executive," 'Chinā's foreign minister, Qian Qi-chen, the preparatory committee's chairman, was

reported as saying. "They've even done this laughable thing of passing a motion condemning the preparatory committee. This is a brazen challenge to relevant resolutions of the National People's Congress and an ir-

Quebec's unresolved issue of separation from Canada "just compounds it", she added. The Perzows' move is symptomatic of the decline

held by the pro-federalist Liberal Party, are taken by the separatist Bloc Québé-cois it would be an ominous sign for Prime Minister Jean Chretien's drive for

Aaron Feuerstein,

pictured right, is

being held up by

President Clinton

as a model for

economy.

dependent city-state. Some English-speakers are en-thusiastic: others see it as another step towards Montreal's ruin. Montreal is a beautiful

they felt after the referendum Nearly half said life felt out of balance. One wrote: "We are setting a plan in motion to leave within two

of Montreal. The city that national unity. once was Canada's finan-cial and cultural centre is ic has reached new heights appearing economy. Since anger, depression I experi-

Turkey offers Caring tycoon hailed as **Greece talks US stakeholder hero** on Aegean islands row

Textile chief Chris Nuttall In Ankara

THE new Turkish prime minister, Mesut Yilmaz, yesterday offered Greece un-conditional talks on the future of the Aegean. Mr Yilmaz told a news conference in Ankara that he wanted to open a new chapter in relations between Turkey and Greece.

corporate good The two traditional rivals came close to war in January behaviour after over possession of an unin-habited Aegean islet known as Kardak in Turkey and Imia

refusing to lay off in Greece. The US president, Bill Clinton, intervened to deemployees when fuse the crisis but both countries then went on a dipfire wrecked

omatic offensive to convince his factory allies of their territorial rights. Greece has tried to cancel a

meeting between the European Union and Turkey this this week and to veto an EU aid package worth over \$300 millicn because of "Turkish ag-gression". It wants to take the Kardak/Imia issue to the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Mr Yilmaz indicated that Turkey might agree to this. "I am proposing to Greece to engage in a comprehensive pro-cess of peace settlement that will not exclude from the be-ginning any method of settle-ment including third-party The US backlash against The Aggean tensions centre lay offs, downsizing and arbitration," he said.

on Greece reserving the right under the United Nations Law of the Sea convention to extend its territorial waters on "orporate responsibility". hence the political celebrity of Mr Feuerstein. from six to 12 nautical miles in a sea crowded with Greek islands close to the Turkish coast. Turkey has not ratified talkshows and in the newspaper op-ed columns, his remarkable story is cited fre-quently as a model of corpothe convention and has warned that any attempt to implement it in the Aegean would be a casus belli. The dirate good behaviour. In the rag trade he was al-ways well-known. His Malden vided island of Cyprus is the other main bone of contention Mills textile plant in Law-rence, Massachusetts, gave the world Polartec, the innobetween the two countries.

In interviews, Mr Yilmaz has spoken of withdrawing vative, fleecy fabric produced Turkey's Aecean forces in an effort to demilitarise the



N America it's never too late to become a hero. At 70, Aaron Feuerstein, a texstays warm: America's skiers

and hikers swear by it. However, Mr. Feuerstein tile manufacturer from Masowes his wider fame to a devastating fire at his factory two weeks before Christmas last sachusetts, has become the living symbol of the stake-

While government action can improve the corporate bottom line. President Clin-ton said in his regular radio Production in a boom season was instantly shut down. The plant's 2,500 workers as-sumed their jobs were gone broadcast at the weekend, "many of America's most sucforever. But the veteran boss gath-

ered his staff into a high school gymnasium and said they had nothing to fear: at a cessful businesses have shown that you can do well by doing right by employees and their families". cost of \$1.5 million (£1 mil-lion) a week, he would keep them on full pay and even give them a Christmas bonus of \$275. He promised to go on providing their health insurance for another 90 days and to have at least some of them back at work within the week. He is now a regular on TV He was drowned out by a

standing ovation. "When people saw the dev-astation on television, they were positive that the 70-yearold owner would collect what-ever insurance he could and say bye-bye," he told the crowd. "We don't operate that way."

Massachusetts citizens promptly deluged the plant with donations and Christfrom recycled plastic bottles. with donations and Christ- to sell my sou It's light, dries quickly, and mas gifts. President Clinton labour," be says.

invited the mill owner to Washington for his annual State of the Union address, where he listed Mr Feuerstein as a hero of the American

people. Mr Feuerstein says his conduct is only natural in a firm that has been in the family for four generations, and which began as a peddler's cart pushed by his immigrant grandfather. 'I haven't really done any-

thing. I don't deserve credit," he says. "Corporate America has made it so that when you make as much money as I do, it's abnormal."

He attributes his social con-science to his orthodox Judaism. Quoting the ancient sage Rabbi Hillel, he adds: "In a situation which is devoid of

morality, try to be a man and do something worthwhile." Mr Feuerstein has become a model of the corporate responsibility urged by the Clin-ton administration. In an echo of the British debate on

scheholding, the US labour secretary, Robert Reich, has proposed tax cuts for compa-nies that look after their workers, either by providing health benefits or training. The administration is anx-

ious to reward those corpora-tions who buck the trend for cost-cutting through mass lay-offs - and to penalise those who don't.

Mr Reich has lavished praise on Malden Mills, visit-ing the plant last month. They treat their workers as assets to be developed, not as costs to be cut," he says.

Mr Feverstein's product is environmentally-friendly. He is a benefactor for his local

community. Best of all, back in the 1960s he refused to follow the rest of the textile industry and head south - where black workers were routinely paid lower wages. "My grandfather came here

from Hungary for political freedom, and I was not about to sell my soul for cheap



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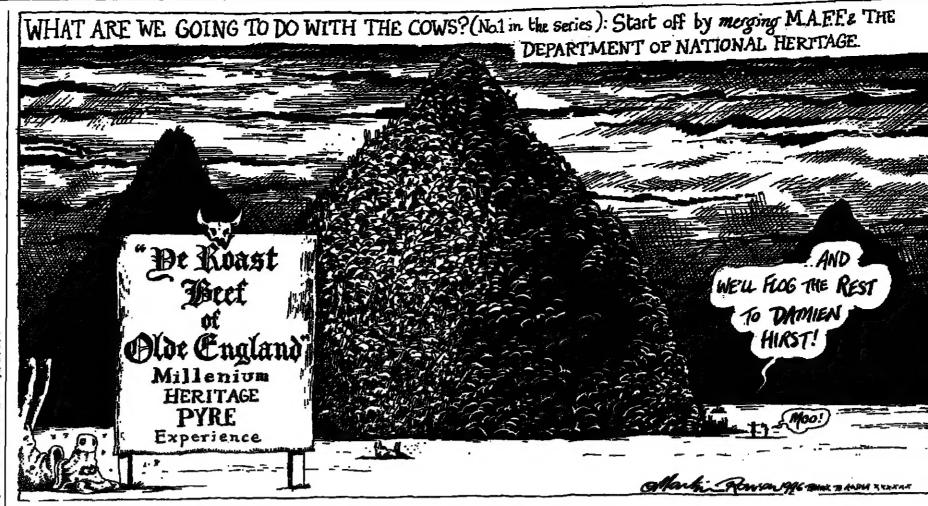
Cheap food for thought

Beef is not the only issue

THERE'S a difference at McDonald's today all right. The country's largest burger chain has stopped selling burgers. Not because they think there is anything wrong with their British beef products but because the public has suddenly stopped buying them for fear of mad cow disease. It was, the burger chain insisted yesterday, purely a commercial decision not a scientific one. But it is a decision which other retailers seem hound to follow for as long as the current mood lasts. bound to follow for as long as the current mood lasts. The consumer has spoken so loudly since last week's announcement that even the agriculture minister Douglas Hogg now accepts that confidence in British beef has collapsed. And when McDonald's coughs - the 650outlet chain normally accounts for one in every 12 slaughtered cattle in this country — the British beef industry catches something more than a cold. McDonald's move brings home the seriousness of the current crisis as no other single event could.

At times like this it is easy to get carried away on a roller-coaster of possibilities. Hundreds of thousands of people unknowingly incubating a potentially fatal con-dition is the stuff, if true, of catastrophic future shock. More immediately, the knock on effects in agricultural bankruptcies and concomitant rural economic recession are headaches enough. The sight of this, of all, governments going cap in hand to Brussels to ask for emergency intervention subsidies is bizarre but, acemergency intervention subsidies is bizarre but, ac-cording to Mr Hogg yesterday, now highly probable. The future economic price, in terms of a lower pound, City confidence, worsening balance of payments, adjust-ments to the public borrowing requirement and the unavailability of tax-cuts may be mind-boggling. The political effects on both the wider European Union negotiations (a price would surely be extracted for what Britain wants) and the Conservative Party's chances of re-election should not be dismissed either. The extraor-dinary thing about this crisis is that it is difficult to overstate its implications.

overstate its implications. In which case it would be wise to focus on two broad policy goals. First, that the primary object of policy must be to restore public confidence in eating healthy beef. In the short run, the answer clearly lies in imports (as McDonald's recognises) rather than in scientific reassurance. In the longer run, domestic beef production methods need to be revolutionised, or at least restored to the conditions which existed before the onset of intensive methods and concentrated feeds. Second, we need to think ahead and avoid dealing with this and other food crises merely by the crisis management thrust upon us at times such as this. People bought chicken, lamb and pork this weekend rather than beef, but there is no reason to believe that these industries are fundamentally less susceptible in any way to the dangers of intensive farming. For 50 years food policy has been dedicated to quantity and cheapness rather than quality and nutritional value. The fault does not lie only with farmers, scientists, civil servants or even ministers. It is also the consequence of retailing methods and dietary habits. We pay a high London Colney. price for what we eat. We need to rethink the food industry from top to bottom. If ever there was a subject which could denote a new approach to politics it is this, staring at us from our shelves, cupboards and tables.



Let's try a new menu tonight

Letters to the Editor

Lost lives and jobs

WAS abandoned when I was around one month old in December 1942 on Victoria Em-bankment, Westminster, I bankment, westminster, 1 have been attempting to find out about my being found and my subsequent adoption (Lost and found, March 4). My research led me to the Greater London Record Office (GLRO) where to my delight

(GLRO) where, to my delight, I discovered that two archive Thiss were held about me. To my intense disappointment, it was explained that GLRO pol-icy would not allow me to view the contents of the files nor could photocopies be sent to me. My only access to them mould be the ack a could would be to ask a social worker to apply to see them. She was given the files to read in a separate room. No contact with me was allowed

tion standards from school meals?

contact with me was allowed nor could any photocopying be done. The social worker was told she could only take down anything of anticipated interest to me — in pencil. I found the GLRO's treat-ment appalling. I would natu-rally have savoured the op-portunity to have read these files in my own time, decided for myself what was of inter-est and taken photocopies — at my expense. These files Some success story, this food policy of ours. Time for a rethink, I suspect. (Prof) Tim Lang. Centre for Food Policy, Thames Valley University. at my expense. These files contain the only information people like myself have about being abandoned. Tony May.

Loan truths 40 Haseldine Road THE Student Loans Com-

T IS time to remind readers just how large a part of the responsibility for the terrible outbreak of BSE is born by BE is not an isolated crists in food policy. Food is a key factor in our main sources of premathe Government. The last Labour government had pre-pared regulations to control the production of ruminant ture death — coronary dis-ease and some cancers (bowel, breast). The food industry is wont to trumpet its successes in delivering cheap food, but never remind us derived protein, in particular for use in animal feed. The market-mad Conservative that we pay, as citizens, billions of extra pounds under Party, on entering govern-ment, rejected the regulatory route and left the industry to billions of extra pounds under different budgetary accounts. Under health, we pay for food poisoning. Under envi-ronment, we pay for cleaning up pesticide and nitrate resi-dues in water and soil. Under transport, we pay for motor-ways of which the retailers and manufacturers are dis-proportionately bigh users. draw up its own guidelines. De-regulation as usual means less stringent proce-dures, causing animal feed not to be heated to appropri-ate temperatures, which allowed the scraple contagion from the sheeps' brains to survive the randering process and cause the BSE outbreak. This is one area of policy in which the Labour Party has proportionately high users. Some costs can be esti-mated, but others costs are beyond monetary value. Who pays for suffering animals, or the loss of habitat and species from intestive farming, or the impact of removal of nutribeen proved continuously, and entirely correct, in warn-ing against the lowering of standards, which is a hall-mark of Conservative de-

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WE are reassured that the chances of getting CJD are "one in a million". I sug-are entirely free, and have algest that this reflects more the chances of the over-60s being correctly diagnosed. My mother died of CJD in 1992, aged 73. This was only diagnosed because her two daugh-ters acted against all the odds to have her brain tissue ex-amined. How many other active, otherwise healthy, people past retirement age have been conveniently omit ted from the CJD stastics? (Prof) Judith Okely. 4 Lussielaw Road. Edinburgh.

NICK Budgen proposes a two-tier price system with BSE-infected herds charging lower prices. The conclusion to that is that people on low incomes who eat beef will have no choice but to eat infected meat. Jenny Jones. 56 Goldthorn Rosd, Wolverhampton WV2 4PN.

T IS time that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food gave up its semi-secret ways and explained to the public that over S5 per cent of beet Dr John Stevens. London SW17 OQT. Straight As, both wrong

ALAN CLARK (Letters, March 23) has got his facts wrong. In 1990 the homicide rate in Switzerland was about ways been entirely free, of BSE. The ministry knows which herds have had BSE and which have not, so that it five times that in England and Wales and one of the highest in Europe. and which have have so that it would be relatively simple to create a list of safe beef berds and to nominate a number of abattoirs which would only Switzerland has one of the

owest overall crime

ease was eradicated by large-scale slaughtering. In the 1980s, salmonella-bearing iters, March chickens were slaughtered in their millions. If British agriculture is to survive, farmers should be paid without fuss for slaughtered cattle and farms re-stocked within months. By this time next year we could see BSE-free berds in Britain's fields. Psychotherapy Department, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road,

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abattoirs which would only	lowest violent crime rates in
slaughter safe beef.	Europe. If, as is the case in the
Ronald Leach	US, easy gun availability was
Long Walk Farm,	linked to a high rate of vio-
Swainham Lane,	lence generally, one would ex-
St Leonards on Sea,	pect the Swiss to murder each
East Sussex TN38 8ED.	other even more frequently.
	(Prof) Philip Graham.
D URING the 1960s and 1970s, foot-and-mouth dis-	27 St Alban's Road,
	London NW5 1RG.
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beard the saying. "He who pays the piper, calls the tune"? People who buy CDs are paying for what they want — and if they want the best bits, they should be given them. Bach wrote for patrons (including local churchen) (including local churches), Mozart adapted things so they yould sell. The modern patron is the music-buying public. Alan K Farrar. 35 Chatham Street, Nelson, Lancs BB9 7UQ.

A Country Diary

Martial make-believe

The Chinese need to live with reality

CHINA'S leaders have scored a famous victory indeed. Beijing claims that by firing its cannons in the Taiwan Straits it successfully dissuaded the people of Taiwan from voting for the overtly pro-independence Democratic Progressive Party. Instead, they delivered a comfortable majority to President Lee Teng-hui, whose Kuomintang party still believes (just about) that There Is Only One China. But Beijing's triumphant claim suffers from a slight problem. This is the very same Mr Lee who has been labelled by the Chinese as someone who spends his time "flagrantly conniving and supporting Taiwanese independence under the pretext of constitutional reform." It is also he who, in Beijing's view, is "the root cause of all disasters on the island."

As China's rage subsides and the possibility of war by miscalculation recedes, the whole affair begins to look more like a martial display on the Chinese opera stage where no one actually hits anyone else - unless we were just lucky. The element of make-believe is found on both sides. Mr Lee has made a virtue of ambiguity on the subject of independence. His description of the Taiwanese elections as the first truly democratic event in "5,000 years of Chinese history" is a blatant borrowing from mainland chauvinism which must imply that Taiwan is still part of China. It hardly squares with Mr Lee's post-victory declaration of aiming to "pursue national dignity and firmly establish our international place." That sounds much more like the two-China heresy or its one-China one-Taiwan variant.

The fascinating but as yet unanswered question is whether someone behind the vermilion walls of Deng's Xiaoping's forbidden city made a big mistake or whether it was part of a grand design. The Chinese must surely realise that they are better off with Mr Lee straddling the divide between the outright pro- and antiindependence forces in Taiwan than with a straight contest between the two. So was Beijing's ratcheting up of tension against Mr Lee a subtle plan to stampede the pro-independence forces into his camp? Or was it a crude miscalculation by diehard military conservatives, leaning upon the weak transitional leadership of President Jiang Zemin? If it was a deliberate ploy. it only worked at the price of severely damaging China's international reputation and producing a face-losing result. If it was an error, then Mr Jiang may have allowed it to go ahead in the calculation that his hardline opponents must now take the blame.

As the crisis subsides, both Beijing and Taipei will now resume grappling with the consequences of an ambiguous relationship in which Taiwan is effectively independent but must pretend that it is not. Both sides have said that they wish to reach a peace agreement. But Taiwan's premier Lien Chan says this must be based on an understanding that they are "equal political entities". Beijing demands that talks must be based on "the principle of one China". There is a vast gap between the two positions. The real world of trade and investment, which no one would lightly forfeit, will now re-assert itself across the Straits. But the problem for both sides remains how to handle the make-believe.

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and apologised for the prob-lems following the introduc-THE BBC is forced by gov His BBC is forced by gov-ernment to allocate at least 25 per cent of its programme-making to the independent sector. Very shortly, if govern-ment has its way, BBC trans-mitters (paid for, remember, by the licence payer) will be privatised. This despite BBC arguments that all its evition of a revised application procedure for loans in the autumn of 1994. However your report (MPs condemn loan company for poor ser-vice to students, March 22) fails to put these problems

into perspective. The delays, whilst undeni-ably serious, affected a relaarguments that all its evi-dence, following an indepentively small proportion of stu-dents. The problems were also short-lived: they were dent, specialist examination, showed conclusively that los ing its transmitters would add to costs and could hinder the fully resolved by January 15, 1995. Around 93 per cent of development of digital terrestrial broadcasting. Nearly 800 BBC transstudents who applied for a loan in academic year 1994/95 had their applicatons dealt mission staff will lose their BBC jobs and careers if this with in a timely fashion. privatisation goes ahead. Your More importantly, the diffireaders will recognise a basic dishonesty here. What is a culties have now been fully overcome following the intro-

BBC programme when it is duction of an improved procedure for 1995/96. This has neither made nor transmitted been extremely successful with all operating targets being met or exceed Broadcasting, Entertainment, Colin Ward. Chief Executive

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Yorkshiremen never walk alone

READERS who have been following the Sony Walk-man patents trial (Walkman claim rejected, March 22) the desert, and still have our music."

may be interested to learn that the Walkman was actually invented by J B Priestly

nearly 60 years ago: In chapter nine of Midnight On The Desert (1937), he wrote: "What we need now Sbeffield S7 1NH. is a tiny portable instrument, to which one listens through ear-phones, so that it does not disturb anybody else, and whole symphonies and concertos and operas recorded on miniature reels of film, so that they could easily be car-ried about with us. Then we may edit them: shorter letters. We could lie in bed or at sea or in | are more likely to appear.

mal currently on show at Nor-wich's Castle Museum seems a Norfolk inhabitant beyond mammuthus trogontheril, four metres at the shoulder and 9-10 tonnes in weight. It was Is it not time this great almost twice the size of today's African elephant, and Yorkshire invention was given the recognition it de-serves? Over to you, Roy yet it found the north Norfolk coast a congenial place to live. The individual on display was Hattersley. John Bazendale. found at West Runton at the 4 Kenbourne Grove, base of its shallow coastal cliffs in 1990. Amateur geologists scouring material loos-ened by storms that winter Letters to the Editor may be faxed on 0171 837 4530 or sent by post to 119 Farringdon Road, came across an obtruding circular bone the circumference London EC1R 3ER, and by eof a large tree stump. This proved to be *trogonuherit*'s pel-vis and led to two major digs in 1992 and 1995. Almost all mail to letters@quardian.co.uk Please include a full address and davtime telephone number the skeleton was recovered, making it a fossil-elephant dismay edit them: shorter letters

NORWICH: Looking at today's | tance. Moreover, along with trogontheril's remains, the ex-Norfolk landscapes, with their tame blocks of woodland cavators are sifting over 10 hemmed in by roads and ex-panses of ploughland, I find it difficult to believe that this tonnes of sediment and expect to recover hundreds of thousands of other bones and was once a place for wolves and bears. However, the aniteeth to give an unprecedentedly full picture of the Norfolk environment more than half a million years ago. When one hears about the bizarre creaall belief. It was a species of tures inhabiting that lost extinct mammoth known as world, such as the mammoths, woolly rhinoceros. giant moose, giant beavers, ma-caque monkeys and hyenas, one senses its radical other-ness from our contemporary environment. one is also struck by the deep continuities between that prehistoric landscape and our own. For north Norfolk at that time enjoyed a climate similar to the present and supported a mix-ture of open grassland, tem-perate oak and elm woodland, alder carr and reed swamp. Very much like today, it was a place for a number of our old familiars — like hedgehogs, greyiag geese, mailard, com-mon frogs, toads and the three-spined stickleback. covery of international impor-MARK COCKER

Remember the poet, not the politician

Endpiece Roy Hattersley **********************

our family, we worship ances-tors before their death. Usually we do it quietly. Where I come from, we think it right to be OR years I have reso lutely refused to attend memorial services. My reticent about our true feel-

aversion dates back to ings. In my insensitivity and my father's funeral in 1972. He ignorance, I thought of memodied a city councillor and chairman of the Sheffield rial services as occasions for public grief. And I regard grief health committee. So "repreas an essentially private emotion. So, not for me the regular visits to Westminister Abbey sentatives" of various local inerests turned up at the munic ipal crematorium in the black in order to mark the passing of ties which they kept for such occasions. I did not want anymen and women whom I barely knew.

one at the service who did not I was there for Tony Crosland. But he was both friend and hero and I was consoled by know him, love him and genuinely mourn his death. Per-haps the emotions of that afterthe thought of how he would have laughed at the sight of me noon were forgivable. But I decided last Wednesday that sitting pious in my best suit. I the prejudice, which was born was in Belfast Cathedral to mourn the victims of the Midon that cold December morning, is more difficult to excuse. lands airway disaster. The sight of press photographers

My antipathy to the flum-mery of death may, in part, be hereditary. Only last week, my being encouraged to take pic-tures of Margaret Thatcher knelt in prayer hardened my mother told me that, believing antipathy to ostentatious there to be no afterlife, she would come back to haunt me if I buried her with any sort of pomp and ritual. You may urge me to think of the family usually are, but nobody could looked more like a retired are particularly appropriate away.

think that her threat was that finds catharsis, and per-based on an inherent inconsis-tency. I prefer to believe that, even at 92, she remains a mis-ing prose. I always answered that the grieving relatives that the grieving relatives that even at 92, she remains a mis-tress of irony and paradox. In that the grieving relatives that the grieving relatives there — singing To Be A Pil-journalist, completed the sportwere unlikely to notice whether I was there or not. Their wish for a "good send-off" would be gratified by a congregation which was at least partly made up by people who wanted their presence to be noticed less by the next of kin than by the Times court and social pages. That is what I suspected until last Wednesday. Now I

am not so sure. Cynics may say that wisdom has come with age and that my change of mind coincides with the receipt of a senior citizen's rail card. For once, the cynics will

be wrong. I can describe the moment when my conversion began — not as a sudden flash of blinding light but during an hour spent in St Martin-in-theafternoon. Fields, bordering Trafalgar

Square, and I can tell you exactly why it happened. The memorial service for Str Stephen Spender was an extraordinary celebration of his

grim and not being sure whether to dissent or stimu-late when invited to pray because my written invitation had been followed by a talephone call. To have declined for any reason would have been unforgivable barbarity.

For once, virtue was fol-lowed by reward — which was not just the extraordinary privilege of listerning to Ted Hughes, Jill Balcon, James Fenton, Harold Pinter and sonin-law Barry Humphries read-ing Spender's poetry. Certainly their collective distinction made the occasion memorable. But, on reflection, I think that they were a distraction from the main business of the

From where I sat, behind a pillar at the back of the church, I could not see the forget place below the altar steps from which they read. Pinter I recognised from the Order of blood drawn from ageless springs Breaking through rocks in Service and the stagey voice.

to poets. Their work can up-lift the congregation. It is hard to imagine a politician's since the days of our friend-ship when he was a political journalist, completed the sportspeeches being read out on such an occasion. Few of them travel well. Fewer still grow old gracefully. The best are too belicose for recital in aburd. The ing image with the appearance of an old-fashioned foothall trainer — the man who ran on with a sponge in the age before church. The worst would physiotherapy was invented. But it was neither they, nor make the congregation rejoice for quite the wrong the other poets - sprinkled among the congregation with reasons. The best that can be done for so-called statesmen is a recital of their virtues Rarely is there a sampler of their work on view.

about memorial services. It Tony Crosland's abbey was the men and women who had come in off the street to morning included a reading. It was the joke from The pay their last respects to a poet Future Of Socialism about the who had given them pleasure. inadequacies of sobriety and That they were genuine in their affection was not in a good filing sytem. Only his friends dared to laugh. Politidoubt. For, as the poetry cians are seen by the general public through a glass darkly. echoed down St Martin's nave, dozens of them silently mouthed the words. Poets, I hope, come face to face with their readers. What is precious is never to

So, perhaps, I am only a partial convert to the memorial service. For writers of genius, the threnody never The essential delight of the ends and might as well begin with a great public tribute. Most politicians would do well to heed Yeats's excellent advice and "quickly turn



Mark

Lawson

Andrew Higgins

TWAS a glum night at the OK Karaoke Club. Torrential rain had kep most of the regulars away. Dampening spirits further was the People's Liberation Army (PLA), shivering grumpily, (no doubt aroun their own karaoke kits) on the shore just a few miles away after another day of waterlogged war games. A solitary Taiwanese soldier in jeans crooned tunelessly to a schmaltsy Taiwanese love song while three off-duty junior officers in track suits munched strands of dried squid, guzzled cans of Taiwanese beer and bemoaned the boredom of pretending to hold the front line in a civil war that was supposed to have ended nearly half a century ago. The most up-beat of the trio was an earnest young man in wire-rim spectacles. For him there were only 77 days to go before he could escape Matsu, a bleak, fogbound island dedicated to the defunct fantasy that Chiang Kai-shek did not lose mainland China in 1949 but merely mislaid it. It was from here and Quemoy to the south that Taiwan meant to launch the reconquest of China, a plan long since abandoned but still lingering in plaintive battle cries carved into the rock: "Give Me Back the Rivers and Mountains", pleads a typically sad slogan.

A reluctant warrior at the tail end of mandatory military service, the bespectacled officer in the karaoke bar was counting the hours before he could get back to his life as a mechanical engineer: a career for which he went trained in Los Angeles He wanted to know if I had read Sense And Sensibility, translated into Chinese after the success of the film by Taiwanese director Ang Lee and now stacked in bookshops alongside ghoulish best-sellers detailing the horrors that await Taiwan if the PLA, not known for its appreciation of English literature, ever attacks. Their titles leave little to the imaaination: The Coming War, **Battle For The Taiwan** Strait and, for hard-core pes-

simists, Final Combet. Waiting for the apocaiypse, though, is less fun than reading about it. Aside from the dubious pleasures of karaoke, the closest ap-proximation of entertainent on Matsu is a row of "love hotels" offering hourly rates and gynaecolo gical American pornogra-phy on in-house video. The only newspaper is a smudgy single sheet, so dreary that the arrival of a group of foreign journalists was judged newsworthy. A blurred pic-

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Taiwan Diary Andrew Higgins Art à la carte or a look thriller movie bit. Yet there the less celluloid-obsessed of these anthologies. A compile-tion such as "Classic Moods" at the full menu?

lenly resurfaced in a differ-Commentary ent guise: quotation culture. Claudio Abbado, director of the Berlin Philharmonic Or-chestra is suing his record company, Deutsche Grama phon, for extracting passages from his Mahler recordings for use in the currently fash ionable anthologies of sad or happy or dramatic hits of ical music. Simultaneously, a debate

HE BIG question of the has been taking place in the Sunday New York Times week in the arts has about the phenomenon of ar-tistic quotation in popular been: does size matter? Back in the eighties,

there was brief - appropri-ately brief - excitement over culture. The new CD-ROM edition of the concept of three-minute culture. The idea — born in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations includes for the first time 500 Los Angeles, lapped up in Hampstead - was that the "non-verbal quotations", the most popular existing tunes and images recycled by artpace and variety of modern life, with their pressure on the consumer's time, would lead ists, film directors and adver-tisers. These included Edvard Munch's Scream, Richard Straus's "Also Sprach Zara-thustra", Michaelangelo's God to the compression of entertainment. We were moving in to an age of one-act plays, movie shorts, haikus, and tele-vision shows no longer than & Adam, and Rossini's "Wil-liam 'Tell Overture''. One writer warned of "an immi-nent crisis of creativity: re-use the adverts in between. We weren't. The combination of an economic recession which encouraged price to be

hent crisis of creativity: re-use abuse", with creative artists increasingly recycling rather than inventing. Let's take the Abbado case first. The conductor's argu-ment seems to be that the shards of Mahler included in judged against size — and in-dustrial submission to artists insistence that their vision should not be subject to edit-ing - in fact led to a torrent biceps-threatening novels feel-good anthologies are and bladder-challenging plays and films. In 1996, the average book breaks 300 pages, the standard Hollywood release being quoted out of context. People are being offered art à la carte: goujons of Schubert, soupcon of Saint-Saens. Re-cord companies, he aruges, are manufacturing a classical asts well into a third sweep of the watch face.

tracks from a long-playing album but an integral part of a larger work. The musical canon becomes a litter of "nice bits", which usually means lush and soupy. He also regrets the increasing identification of pieces of music with movies in which they were used, so that, for example, Mahler is known to a generation of listeners solely as Visconti's soundtrack composer on Death In

Venice Abbado's arguments do have some force. The current Number 1 in his market --Decca's Classic Moods --- glu tinously promises "over two hours of classical music to free the mind and touch the soul", thus reducing some of the highest achievements of art to a sort of notate Prozac. The sleeve-notes are worse, Shostakovich must be boiling in the soil at being identified with "the BBC TV series Dangerfield" and "Reilly, Ace Of Spies", EMI's Cinema Clastics is even more culpable, effectively presenting the most sublime music-writers in history as back employees of Hollywood

That clearly is quotation out of context and is a practice which does have an effect on the reception of classical music. "O Sole Mio" has been ruined for a generation by its facetious use in an ice-cream commercial. Listening to my work. own favourite piece of music --- Bach's St Matthew Passion - I am irritatingly distracted

And yet the question of equivalent of the pop single during the bank commercial quotation, their integral Adagio fo three-minute culture has sud- but these pieces are not bit and the supernatural works forgotten, and it is the mood

may offer only shavings of greatness, but greatness it still is, and reaching a wider audience than ever before. And, while these CDs can be easily derided as aural wallpaper, they might equally

well function as a wallpaper book: the portion of Satie or Bach on such an album might easily lead a listener to that composer's dedicated section of the record shelves. Poetry anthologies have long worked like this. Indeed, the fragments played on Desert Island Discs have long moulded British musical tastes; it's what originally led me to the St Matthew Passion.

ND, strangely, in an-A other branch of the arts, excerpting is currently the subject of much praise. The fashionable little pamphlets of extracted classics - in the Pan guin and Phaidon series, offering a quick read for 60p — are nothing if not literary nice bits, prose mood tunes. Yet these have widely been seen as an academically respectable attempt to popu-larise neglected authors. There is obviously a paradox here. But perhaps this is because classical music is the art which most attracts hands-off snobbery, as the consistent ridiculing of the popularising radio station lassic FM demonstrated. Abbado also seems not to

have realised that excerpting, like it or not, is a natural part. of culture. The dynamics of a performance of Hamlet, The Importance Of Being Earnest Carmen or The Magic Flute have been altered for modern audiences by the external ex istence of large parts of the

There are already writers - Samuel Johnson, Dorothy Parker — who survive only in

In the original Sunday New York Times article on the subject of "re-use abuse", prevalence of quotation and

excerpting in modern culture Munch's Scream, for exam ple, was popularised by its jo-key use in the poster for the Macauley Caulkin movie Home Alone, but has more recently become newspaper artoonist's shorthand for contemporary terrors, widely suployed after the Oklahoma bombing. Madison Avenue agencies have frequently taken scrapings off the Sis-tine Chapel ceiling. Some of this, for Hine, is "just plain

Paul Foot ------laziness But the quotation culture is likely to expand. Because of new technology, the art of the past is both more easily day there's been further proof of the success of the great Thatcherite liberation of the executive leak a letter to show that if the cuts and the recordable and more speedily retrievable, through Internet and CD-ROM facilities. This confers some benefits. For example, academic research which might once have taken de-regulation continue, industry, and especially the nu-clear industry, will be much less safe. Another leak in the months - comparison, for example, of certain writers' use of certain words across his tory — is now possible in a morning's tapping. But, if fac-tual work will become more authoritative. imaginative nick of time postpones a gov-ernment plot to deprive about 10 million workers of their right to go to an industrial tribunal when they are will become more derivative With the advent of the Inter sacked or discriminated against. And now, from thoroughly deregulated Agri-business, comes a new mar-ket miracle: a lethal plague of net, the previously accumulated word-base or image-bas has gone from being a psychological presence in a writer or painter's head to an actual incurable brain disease brought on by eating the in-fected roast beef of Old manifestation in their studio. Quotation, parody and ex-cerpting will become more

common. Hardly anyone outside a Tory conference argues for And such a development would indeed be an invitation to reflection, perhaps in the "Tranquillity, solitude and the virtues of free enterprise. Ministers have abandoned

melancholy" which the first half of the Classic Moods CD promises to evoke. Barber's Adagio for Strings would suit

Ian Black argues that the indictment by Germany of Iran's top spymaster for conspiracy to murder threatens to worsen Tehran's relationship with the West

Shadow of the pariah

O ONE seriously expects Ali Falla-hian, Iran's sinister minister of intelligence, to turn up in a German court - even after a break during the current Nowruz new year holi-day - to answer charges of conspiracy over the murder of four Kurdish dissidents in a Berlin restaurant in 1992. he indictn Tehran's top spymaster by its closest friend in Europe may still mark a watershed in atti tudes to one of the world's leading "pariah" states: after gleefully approving suicide bombings designed to wreck the Arab-Israeli peace process, have the mullahs, real daggers under their cloaks, now man-aged to widen and unite the position against them? It will be an achievement if opp they have: Iran has been an American obsession since the country was famously "lost" in the 1979 Islamic revolution. Warren Christopher, Bill Clinton's secretary of state, has never forgotten the humiliation of the embassy hostage crisis that lasted for 444 days: the other hostages who languished in the cellars of Beirut — which also had strong Iranian links — came later and added to America's



purposes or threaten to invade neighbouring countries") with that of the Government ("the isolate Iran: Japan and Ger-many have been urged to withold badly-needed credit and, having banned US trade and investment in Iran last UK Government would not nermit the export of equipment if it were believed likely year, Congress is now work-ing on legislation that would that it might be used for internal repression or were likely penalise foreign companies in-vesting more than \$40 million to increase tension or instabil-ity in a region"). Where's the n the country's vital oil and as industry. In an election year in the US on the sale of Hawk trainer in the country's vital oil and - and, pernaps more crin-cally, in Israel - allied interests may not stop Washington taking stronger action now that the link has been established between Iran and terrorism targeting Israel: "I am sorry if we offend our friends," sneered one democratic Representative, "but the sight of arms and legs strewn over the streets of Tel Aviv offends me." Yet experience teaches that unilateral trade sanctions are not effective and, more seriously, can also undermine UN-anchored multilateral ones. Or, as the former US Defence Secretary, Dick Che-ney, described the Congressio-The COPERATIVE BANK nal approach last week: "We are going to shut you out and close the door and turn of the relationship and that will force you to do what we want you to do." Russia, mean-while, is broadening its own relations with Iran. Some experts argue pursu-ing Iran in this way could end up exaggerating its real im-portance. It reinforces the imession that obsession is no way to run a foreign policy especially for a man of legendary caution like Warren Christopher. "There are plenty of bad things to say about Iran without making things up," argues Gary Sick, adviser on Iran to the Carter administration. Across the Atlantic there is sympathy for such criticism. spite Bonn's belated action against the George Smiley of the Islamic Republic, European Union members are divided over whether to continue their "critical dialogue" with Tehran. Those who do a lot of business say it should go on. Smaller countries which do not have their doubts. Brit It is common ground that ain, where the Foreign Office often seems to elevate tactics to the level of principle, is on the fence. Testing times lie ahead for Iran's relationship with Europe: within the next two weeks an EU delegation is to visit Tehran to try to extract the sort of unequivocal condemnation of terrorism the US would like but no one else really expects, while in Wash-ington officials are to meet to discuss intelligence-sharing and other practical moves. Britain has long and frustrating experience of trying to annul the Rushdie fatwa and seriously doubts that attempts answers from a state where the word terrorism is so offen qualified by inverted commas where one man's suicidebomber is another man's man tyr, and divine retribution



Thatcher can

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chairman. According to a sycophantic press release issued by the university on 5 March, BAT's money will also buy six scholarships for students from leveloping countries. If the students have to sit an exam. I suggest the following ques-tions — one for every scholarship.

1. Using your knowledge of the tobacco industry in your country, estimate the effect on international relations of a HAT a wonderful vast and gready multinational month for Thatcher-ism. Almost every company which has concen-trated its sales of a highly langerous product in develop ing countries.

2 Compare and contrast the bans on tobacco advertising on television and the warning packages on cigarette packages in Britain (where BAT sells very few cigareties) with the lack of any similar restrictions in developing countries where BAT flourish.

3. What effect do you think a company whose combined sales are worth more than the entire national income of most developing countries has on government policy in those countries and its peoples' free

dom of speech? 4. Do you think that a free and fair education system can flourish in a country or university where professorships are on sale to tobacco companies?

5. How do you rate the intellectual and moral quality of the statement made on BBC2's Newsnight on March 14 by Michael Prideaux, a BAT di-rector, that cigarettes are not their ideology, concentrating instead on grabbing the hay before they go out to pasture. Only one set of politicians still believes in Thatcherism on principle. They sit on the Labour front bench. As every day brings more news of free addictive because "so many people have kicked the habit"? 6. Can you think of a drug which kills a thousand times more people than heroin? (If so, don't tell your professor). day brings more news of free market disasters, Labour changes an old policy or in-

vents a new one to prove its commitment to the free mar-ket. As a result, it is hard to NTRIGUED by the news that a group of BP direc-tors calling themselves the find a single issue which div-ides Labour from the Tories. "remuneration committee" had awarded £10.5m worth of Ann Clwyd, Labour MP for extra shares to their already Cynon Valley, sends me a copy of a latter she has written to Tony Blair comparing Labour's policy on arms ex-ports ("Labour will not sell grossly rich colleagues, under something called a "long-term performance plan", I rang BP to ask why, "We have beaten all our competitors" was the proud reply, followed by: "Our share price has done vary well indeed". No doubt, but what weapons to regimes which would use them for repressive about production? How much more has BP produced since 1991 when the "long-term per-formance plan" was dreamed up? BP oblige with the figures. Oil production: 1991, 1.3 mil-lion barrels per day; 1995, 1.3 million. Gas production: 1991, 1.2 million cubic feet per day, 1995, 1.2 million. So why have profits and share prices gone up so fast when production

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ing the local county magistrate on a puddled pier. On Matsu, mainland China is more than a remote menace. It looms as an immediate reality, its shore clearly visible, on rare days when fog lifts across a nar-row sliver of pounding sea. Proximity has turned their stand-off into a routine. Smugglers keep local barracks and restaurants stocked with rocket-fuel rice wine from China — so lethal that a warning at Matsu airport orders passengers not to carry illicit Chinese spirits on board aircraft.

Before the PLA even thinks of an attack, I recommend it send undercover agents for a voyage on the Matsu ferry to Talwanese controlled islets. They will not need body bags but they will need other receptacles. A barefoot, betal-nut chewing captain pilots the craft with unflapable composure. Sailing, last week, through gale force winds and mountainous waves, the boat pitched and heaved like a roller-coaster gone mad. The captain's mate handed out plastic bags to stop passen-gers soiling the cabin. A col-league from the BBC lost his breakfast. A Japanese photographer turned green. Terrified, I took refuge under the bulkhead to avoid having to watch the prodigious waves. Such torment might ex-

plain why, when China last attacked Matsu in 1958, it did so from solid ground. Instead of sending troops, the PLA unleashed a relentless barrage of artillery shells from the shore. When Mao Zedong finally called off the assault he denied having ever wanted to seize any land. This, he said, would only have severed Taiwan's umbilical link with the mainland, But perhaps, like the soldiers in the karaoke bar, he grasped the sad truth. There is not much to do in Matsu.

BRATSH ROULETTE



Most Europeans do not share this: business interests and pragmatism have dictated the nature of their relationships with Iran since the demise of the Peacock Throne, Germany has always valued its sole, though commercially substantial, Middle Eastern toehold, while Brit-ain's links with Tehran ---where a central thoroughfare engagingly named Bobby Sands Avenue helps set the tone — were poor long before the Salman Rushdie affair.

Yet the rise of political Islam after the end of the cold war and the winding-down of the Arab-Israeli conflict in its familiar inter-state form have thrust Iran to centre stage, paradoxically just as its revo-lutionary zeal has become far more rhetorical than real. Now it is finally being con-fronted with its own

propaganda. The American "Great

Satan" and "Zionist mius-tice" are still vilified in its newspapers; "hypocrisy" and "arrogance" are the favourite words in its political lexicon. And even Iran's ostensibly principled positions — such as opposing the extension of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty on the terms of the great powers - look much less so if reports of its own were described by the country's official news agency, ima, as "divine retribution" - a label which hardly nuclear ambitions are to be believed (and Iraq's unde-

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squared with President Rat tected clandestine progress remembered). Repression at sanjani's insistence that he home remains bad. In its backyard, Iran has condemns terrorism.

bought Russian submarines and Chinese missiles to upgrade its offensive capability point to its links with Hamas around the strategic stratts of and Islamic Jihad, the Pales-Hormuz, though it is no match for the US fifth fleet, the vanguard of America's policy of "dual containment". Heavy US hints of Iranian-John Major was alone in join-very large."

inspired subversion in Gulf ing Shimon Peres in singling sheikhdoms are not believed out Tehran at the Sharm al-locally and evidence is again Sheikh "peacemakers" locally and evidence is again hard to pin down. summit". Iran's objections to the Middle Rast peace process are a matter of principle though

it is not clear whether it has thought through the implicaimportant than the public exposure of the smoking gun or the incriminating bank transtions of Yasser Arafat's abandonment of armed struggle: the horrific suicide bombings fer: for who doubts that the that killed 60 Israelis in 10 Iranians are up to no good? days in February and March

The case against Iran is and there is grudging respect the US call to lift the arms to browbeat Iran will work easy to state but hard to for the professionalism of its prover; the US and Britain clandestine networks. protected vigorously about far more likely than clear-cut monotoned in the professionalism of a state where its prover the US and Britain clandestine networks. They've tripped up more fallen from the top of the tre, complete with booby-iceberg because the iceberg is trapped toys. tyr, and div very large."

Iran supports Hizbullah guer-rillas in south Lebanon (even "peacemakers' as its ally Syria is trying to rein them in), and played a Intelligence and politics are closely linked. Guarding the holy grail of "sources and methods" is said to be more role in two devastating car bomb attacks on Israeli and Jewish targets in Argentina. And there is wide agreement on official Iranian involve

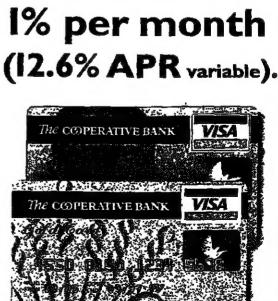
ment in the killings of dissidents in Europe - and not only in the Berlin assassinations that are upsetting Mr HE US and Britain Fallahian's Nowruz holiday. In recent years Bosnia has put a lot of effort

into monitoring been added to America's evil-lran — Britain's empire style catalogue of GCHQ eavesdrop complaints, though ironically GCHQ eavesdrop-ping centre advertised for Farsi speakers recently - countries that agreed with countries that agreed with the US call to lift the arms

mojahedin fighters and trumthan usual recently," said one peted the recent exposure of well-placed official, "but it's Iranian advisers at a Bosnian not surprising that water has government dirty-tricks cen-

Indonesia, which has invaded a neighbouring country and rules over it with the most pitiless repression? The Tories support the sale. So does Labour. PROFESSORSHIPS are fright-

the group employed 111,900 people; last year 60,000. BP point out that half the cut in the number of workers can be put down to the sale of subsid-iaries. Even so, the figures suggest that the group's im-provement in "long-term per-formance" (and the payments fully expensive these days. BAT industries, the world's made to each other by the second-biggest tobacco com- (directors) are mainly attribupany, have had to fork out 5.6m for the new Sir Fabrick to their workers with which Sheehy Professorship of Inter-national Relations, named tain the spirit of free enterafter their recently-retired prise: you're fired.



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William Hutchinson Murray

Monarch of the crags

inson Murray, who has died aged 83, will be remembered, for as long as literate mountaineers survive to appreciate his work on what are generally accepted as the two finest books ever written about our British Hills: Mountaineering In Scotland (1947) and Undiscovered Scotland (1951). The conditions under which the first title was written are

tween the wars who sought equality and release among the hills which rim Glasgow's northern horizon. From the beginning of the 1930s onwards, Murray's spare time was devoted to exploration of the Scottish mountains and, in particular, to the steeper fasinesses of the Western Highlands. In 1938, he teamed up with Mackenzie, Sunn and MacAlnine - the cast of slightly-larger-than-life he roes which peoples his romantic treatises on "stra-vaiging" amongst the crags and hills of Scotland - to

begin a campaign, before the outbreak of war, which was to revitalise the moribund and laborious pastime of Scottish winter climbing. Murray's revolution was founded on the use of three items of off on thin, brittle ice"; Murray's own innovation, the short-handled Slater's Pick which eased the wrist strain consequent on hold-cutting for protracted periods with the old long-handled ice-axes. and enabled climbing times to be halved: and head-torches.

their time outstandingly difficult — among many climbs of near-comparable quality. Nor equally remarkable. "Bill" Murray was typical of a disadvantaged generation of Clydesiders growing up bewere Murray's exploratory

led the first accents of Glen-coe's Clachaig Gully and the Great Gully of Gars Bheinn in Ardgour in 1938.

revolution was founded on texts of mountain writing is the use of three items of tself a romantic saga. Early equipment: tricouni-nailed in the war, Murray enlisted boots which "allowed much pons on snow and ice-bound rock, and allowed too an occa-sional 'miracle' to be pulled astride the coast road to

sunset 20 abreast. Our two-pounder guns hit them on the nose at point-blank range. Their armour bloomed red Thus equipped, Murray and where the shells glanced off

LLIAM Hutch- this partners, through the win-son Murray, ter seasons before the second tho has died world war, notched up a tally ged 83, will be of ascents now rated as the ground for five minutes till major inter-war achieve-ments in Scottish winter climbed out to deal with any climben out to deal with any climbing. Crowberry Ridge by Garrick's Shelf on the Bua-chaille Etive Mhor in 1937, and Deep-cut Chimney on Stob Coire nam Beith in 1938 were cutetanding — and for were outstanding - and for it shook.

meetings which bring home the human absurdity of war-fare. Murray, in the desert were Murray's exploratory urges restricted to mountain features in their wintry trans-formation. He was first to make the greater traverse of the Cuillin Ridge on Skye and led the Giret accents of Clern. too was a mountainser. Murray was spared, loaded with gifts of bully-beef, beer, bis-cuits and chorolate, given an army greatcoat looted from

Out of his intense exploratory activity one of mountain writing's enduring texts was forged

The way in which, out of this intense bout of explor-atory activity, there was forged one of the enduring texts of mountain writing is Mersa Matruh with orders to protect the retreat to El Ala-mein by stopping Rommel's 15th Panzer Division. "Their tanks came in a

ing a complete Shakespeare and a toilet roll. The writer reversed the usual functions. first efforts and interrogated their author. Undeterred,

audience was respectful rather than ravished, but it has never been out of print

There ensued one of those Tobruk, and after the Panzer commander rumbled off towards Alamein, was marched off to captivity. sages of dramatic action His next three years were spent in prisoner-of-war camps in Italy, Czechoslovawhich owes an obvious debt to Wordsworth and, before him, to the empiricist Hartley. But it is still uniquely Murray's own work. Here and

kia and Germany. His urge to escape a grim present by recording past joy was ini-tially frustrated by lack of there, the writer reaches overtly formulated philosoph-ical status, as in this passage writing paper. Then a Red Cross parcel arrived. containfrom Undiscovered Scotland. "The full action of meditation is usually made difficult or impossible on mountains by wind and weather, time The Gestapo confiscated his and company. But our obser-vations can be made for later Murray began again. In May 1945 he was released, the manuscript was typed, sub-mitted to Dent, and in 1947 *Mountaincering In Scotland* was published. Initially its and more effective use in privacy. We should then recall the forms of beauty, visualis-ing each until our love for its beauty is aroused, and end with the greatest beauty known to us - it may be a sun rising or a sun setting, or since its first publication, and the realisation has grown that the book is one of outstanding can be found. Encourage unliterary worth. There is an reservedly the awe and won-attentive, strange quietism der to which this last gives interposed between its pas- rise. These feelings of the

heart give nourishment and life to the will and mind, which, all acting in unison raise consciousness to a net state of awareness."

problems to those acquainted with the literature of mystiwith the interature of mysti-cism, to the Gradgrindian fac-tion in mountaineering, it made Murray the target for abuse which has continued to the present day. In a recent "book about climbing," the Scattleb Magnitz mitic David

Scottish Marxist critic David Craig dismissed Murray's feelings for hills as "lofty chimeras - now we see them, now we don't!"

now we don't'" Murray's mountaineering after the war was undoubt-edly affected by his prison-camp years. Nonetheless, his ascent of Twisting Gully on Stob Coire nan Lochan in 1946 took up where the pre-war campaign had left off, and in the early 1950s he was a mem-her of two Himaleyap erredit ber of two Himalayan expedi-tions — to Garhwal and Al- goil in Argyll, issuing forth

Claude Bourdet

tion, he was awarded the Mungo Park Medal of the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, he wrote prolifically. He produced five novels. ex-cellent guidebooks to the Hebrides and the Western High-

imaginative and subtle in treatment as the matter of his books. His last book, published in 1965, was a thorough and scintillating re-examination of the historical figure

free France

F CLAUDE Bourdet, had Captured soon after the Ger-been a hesitant Resistance man invasion of France in ar spent in 1940, he escaped and joined th



Peter Mansfield Making Arab sense

PETER MANSFIELD, who has died aged 77, was best known for his 1976 book The Arabs. It was the pinnacle of a career devoted to analysing and reporting the Middle East. Born in India, Peter Mans-field was educated at Winchester and was president of the union at Cambridge. In 1955, he joined the Foreign Office, which sent him, in 1956, to Lebanon's Middle East Centre for Arabic Studies. This was the turning point in his life, but before he finished the course, the 1956 Suez crisis erupted. He disagreed with the British government's position and resigned.

He stayed on in Lebanon working as a freelance journal-ist, and from 1961-67 he was the Cairo-based Middle East corre spondent for the Sunday Times. His first book, Nasser Egypt, was published in 1965 and his blography of the President, Nasser, appeared in 1968. Subsequent works included The British In Egypt. The Ottoonly occasionally for meet-ings of the Scottish mountain-eering council (of which pa-laeolithic organisation he served an inevitable term as man Empire And its Succes-sors; Kuwait: Vanguard Of The served an inevitable term as president), or more rarely for literary gatherings south of the borders. He was — despite personal difference and reserve — hospitable to like reserve — hospitable to like-minded visitors, acute in con-versation and literary judg-ment, and immensely helpful wrote for the fortnightly Middle East International.

He had an ability to trans-late his deep understanding and passion into accessible and supportive towards younger mountaineers and mountain writers. Often in ill-health, he was stoical in his endurance of it. His literprose. The Arabs, a history and survey of the modern Arab world, is fluent and conary legacy will continue to inform and enhance the activ-

cise introductory work. What characterised Peter Mansfield's career was hones-ty and objectivity. He was committed to the Arab cause, ities and mountains he loved for as long as there are people of open heart and mind. espousing positions which were often unfashionable, but e was always respected, ever William Hutchinson Murray, by those who did not share his views. Highly regarded among mountaineer and author, born March 18, 1913; died March 19, Arabs, his counsel was sought after by their decision-makers For in an area bedevilled by prejudice and misinterpretz tion. Peter, sympathetic and understanding, had no axe to grind, but was often critical of Arab governments

Arab governments and leaders. Peter believed the Oslo Ac-cords gave the Palestinians a realistic chance of statehood. Anxious that many of their grievances might not be satis-factorily addressed, he was a realist who urged that, given the regional balance of power. peace with Israel, even on terms which fell short of Arab aspirations, was a necessity. He was a leading light in the Council for the Advancemen



Stuart Wilson-MacDonald



N THE summer of 1948, six School, a patient of his De Haviland Vampire father's, Francis Patmore, son single-engined jet fighters of the poet Coventry Patmore, took the young MacDonald to help him run his Kenyan cof fee plantation. The business failed, he returned to Britain in 1931, joined the RAF reserve in 1934 and gained a short-service commission the following year. In 1936 he was posted to Aden, staging post on the Imperial route to India, flying Hawker Demon biplane

fighters.

Back in England he then

became a flying instructor but with the outbreak of war

he moved into a frontline combat role. In late August

1940 MacDonald was given

command of No 213 squadron,

flying Hurricanes from Exeter. Within a week the squadron had been moved to

Tangmere in Sussex as the Battle of Britain reached its

Beyond the world . . . W H Murray climbing the Granite Ridge of Dunagiri Peak in the Himalayas. mora in 1950. and as deputy leader on Eric Shipton's 1951 Everest Reconnaissance. On the latter, Murray failed to acclimatise at altitude, and Though this will present no was not included in the 1953 Everest team. For compensa

lands, several other volumes on Scottish topography and magazine journalism, all of it as well-turned in phrase and

behind the Rob Roy legend. In his last years, Bill Mur-

of No 54 Squadron, the Royal Air Force took off from Stornoway in the Western Isles. Their first destination was Iceland. After a further stop in Greenland they touched down in Labrador on the north-east coast of Canada. It was a stormy flight, the 500mph aircraft were buffeted by 200mph winds and cloud cover extended to 40,000 feet, which meant appalling visi-bility in an era of primitive radar. The route the planes took was to be followed by generations of passenger jets en route to the great cities of

the eastern seaboard. But that would be from the late 1950s. On that July day Group Cap-tain Stuart Wilson-MacDonald, who has died aged 83, was leading the first Atlantic jet

crossing. Wilson-MacDonald's RAF career began in 1934, and ended in 1963. It spanned the biplane era, the Battle of Britain, the war around the Mediterranean from Syria and Egypt to Albania and Italy, the dawn of the jet age and the Cold War.

Duncan Stuart MacDonald - he acquired the "Wilson" when he married his first was the son of an Oban doc-tor. He suffered near-fatal tuberculosis and pneumonia in his teens but, after his the right hand side of the education at Oban High | road and, realising realised

climax, and the Luftwaffe began its fateful shift of priorities from Fighter Command airfields to the Blitz on London. Scrambled 86 times during that struggle he shot down one Messerschmitt Me109 and two Me110s. On one sortie he became acutely aware of how close the enemy aircraft bases were

to Britain and how vulnera-ble pilots were with only min-imal navigational aids. After

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Taking the cake

THE "LAUNCH" - the word was new to publishing — of [Jacqueline Susann's] The Love Machine took place in the early spring of 1969, and was accompanied by incredi-ble ballyhoo ... Jackie, after all, virtually invented the idea of establishing a deep, personal connection between an author and the people who actually sold books.

Bookstore managers and clerks had long been ignored by publishers and authors. A visiting author might shake hands while his publisher's sales rep whispered names in his ear ("That's Angela, and the one with glasses and the pens in his shirt pocket is

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Taking off Wilson-MacDonald on his first solo flight

he was over occupied north- | After a call from a RN deern France, he swiftly stroyer to suppress German recrossed the Channel. guns on an Adriatic island off In February 1941 he moved Dubrovnic, MacDonald sent to Scotland to cover the Scapa Flow-based fleet and counter his wing back to Italy and went "private raiding," to enbombers menacing Atlantic convoys. Then his squadron able the destroyer to silence the gun emplacement. On anwas deployed in ground other occasion he and the CO attack operations against the Vichy French in Libya and of 213 Squadron sank a German E-Boat. In 1945 MacDon-Syria. Moving to Italy Mac-Donald took charge of an ald was awarded the DSO and took up a permanent attack wing consisting of two commission. He married in 1947, a year before his pioneering jet South African squadrons of Bristol Beaufighters as well

as 213, now flying North American Mustangs with the flight. In 1954 he became com-mander of RAF Sylt in the Balkan Air Force to support North Frisian Islands and, in 1960, British air attache in local guerilla movements. MacDonald recalled attacking Sweden. He retired in 1963, Albania's Royal palace in Tirana - occupied by the SS and as an accomplished golfer. he played with Doug-las Bader and in RAF charita-- and seeing German sol-diers scrambling down the ble tournaments. He leaves drapes at the rear of the build-ing while his Mustangs were his wife, son and daughter. strafing it from the front.

Norman Barfield

The Mustangs also provided escort for the US 15th Army Air Force bombers and Duncan Stuart Wilson-MacDon-Army Air Force bombers and supported the Royal Navy. 1912; died February 29, 1996

cake moved slowly toward

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was enough to tell me the

lipped and fell into the cake. One look at Jackie's face

right thing to do. I went back

to my hotel room and told the

operator not to put any calls through. The pext morning I

got up at dawn and took the

Michael Korda, publisher of

train to New York.

Jackie, but just before it reached ber, a bystander,

Love Machine cocktails.

fighter, his year spent in Buchenwald concentration camp focused his crusade evermore as one of France's most determined human rights activists.

Slave to no party or pub-lisher, Bourdet was an energetic campaigner until his death at the age of 86. After a lifetime spent denouncing repressive French colonialism and the Americanisation of

Europe, he latterly defended Bosnian Muslims and the Palestinian cause. A human rights activist who spoke and wrote eloquently from the heart, he was someone whom everyone — from General Charles de Gaulle to the French socialists — sought to recruit. But when Bourdet got in a scrape he always single-handedly got out of it. He regretted that it was Allied troops who liberated his ema-ciated 45-kilogram figure from

Buchenwald in 1945. The son of a popular play-wright, Edouard Bourdet, and a poet, Catherine Pozzi, he was profoundly affected by their divorce. Taking his mother's side, he rejected the *milieu* of

his upbringing and left Paris to become an engineer in Zurich. But the deteriorating political situation in 1930's Europe drew him close to the Chris tian leftwing, and from 1936 he worked in the economics ministry of Charles Spinasse's socialist government.

our too-many airports, and

clasping her to me when she wore that sweater, and the

press of travellers breaking

around us, and then she got on the plane. I remember her wearing it one freezing March night on the Vineyard, at some posh

restaurant. The restaurant

was deserted except for the middle-aged fellow and his

They were involved in some

misery compounded of fate

worn casually or under the

sport coat or suit as the clos-

est approximation to the required-but-absent shirt

wife across the room.

Resistance two years later, cofounding the underground newspaper, Combat. He be-came its editor after his coleague, Henri Frenay, left for London, and was a high-ranking member of the National Council for the Resistance until the Nazis arrested and

then deported him in 1944. After Bourdet's return from Buchenwald, he was made a Compagnon de la Libération by General De Gaulle and appointed director-general of Radiodiffusion Française, the state radio. It was a Gaullist alliance which he rapidly eschewed while denouncine the centralising urge of the French Communist Party. He showed proof of indepen-

dence once more after succeed-ing Albert Camus at the helm of Combat in 1947. The newspaper had run into financial difficulties and Bourdet turned to a leftwing businessman for cash. In 1950, he left the news-paper. disgusted at the proprietor's interference.

Moving to France-Observateur — a precursor to today's weekly Nouvel Observateur news magazine — Bourdet wrote its leader articles for 12 years. He defended Tito's Yu-goslavia denounced the war in Indochina and repressive French tactics in north Africa. He called for socialist renewal and was a critic of De Gaulle, even though he shared the

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of Arab-British Understanding and a member of the Royal Institute of International Af-From the heart ... Bourdet fairs. His political sympathies

were with the Labour Party and he was often irked by the British establishment. "I do French president's suspicion of United States' hegemony in British establishment. "I do wish," he remarked during a

post-war Europe. Between 1956 and 1962 he backed Algerian independence discussion about politicians and was a strong critic of extramarital activities, "the French police and army action British would grow up." Tolerthere. A leader article he wrote in 1956, "Your Gestapo In Alge-ria", led to him being stripant, compassionate and thoughtful, he always had time for words of support and encouragement — or indeed cism when it was needed. searched at the same Paris prison where the Gestapo had held him 12 years earlier.

Stephen Sherman While France-Observateur' links with French ancialism initially served to boost its readership, leftwing divisions eventually led to friction Peter Mansfield, writer, born September 2, 1925; died March 9, 1995 within the magazine. Bourdet left in 1962, working as a freelance until his death.

Married with three children, Bourdet died on the eve of International Anti-Racism Day, last Thursday. The French Movement Against Racism and for Peace (MRAP) said he was a "tireless combat-ant for the cause of anti-colo-nialism and peace, perforce an anti-racist: he was always there, discreet, modest and of an intransigent rigour".

complete Martin Eden.

Alex Duval Smith Claude Bourdet, human rights so tivist and journalist, born October 28, 1909; died March 20, 1996

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54: Elton John, rock singer, 49; Rt Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, Archbishop of the Church of Wales, 62; Richard O'Brien, actor and writer, 54; Dorothy Squires, singer, 81; Gioria Steinem, feminist, 62; Michael Whitlam, director-general, British Red Cross Society, 49;

Birthdays

Jung Chang, writer, 44; Stephen Dorrell, MP, Secre-tary of State for Health, 44;

Aretha Franklin, soul singer.

Keith Whitson, chief execu-tive, Midland Bank, 53.

Does this sound a bit harsh? Maybe it is, but I think a certain degree of caustic language may be required to cut through what seems to be the extremely gentle and euphemistic treatment the mainstream media have been giving Mr Dole's near catatonic demeanour, barely coherent language and deteriorating cognitive skills. There's just no one there anymore, but I think the media's afraid to come out and say it because they're even more afraid of Pat Buchanan. Mr Dole has to be propped up and treated as if he were fully competent when the man is at least two tacos short of a combination plate, as they say. Ron Rosenbaum, the Edgy Enthusiast, brings a bit of straight talking to the US Presidential campaign in the New York Observer.

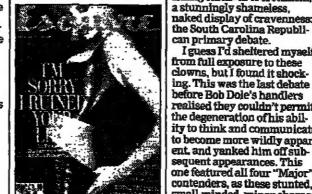
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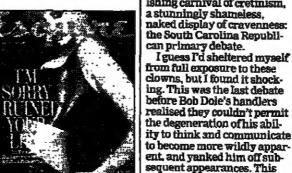
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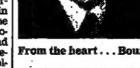
two were dopey in love, and she had on the black sweater and looked like the girl at the Half Door, and that fellow looked at us with a longing that was like a knife in his gut ... Like the black beret, the black cashmere turtleneck is a perfect garment. It accentuates the jawline or, in its absence, suggests it and, by extension, character. It frames the face; it renders the torso more unitary and shapely; it warms; it can be

turtleneck, and ... I am hard-pressed to think of the perfect third to round out the company. In times of transient vicory over my metabolism, I have tucked the sweater into my jeans, clinched the belt tight, turned the tweed cap brim-to-the-back, and felt the









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small-minded, minor charac ters have been called, in the full flower of their contempt-

Sweating it out ... Esquire | ible presence.

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she made her way form table to table. Booksellers were turning the promotional material into paper airplanes and sending them flying through the room. Amaretti di Saronno biscuits had been designed . . . to capitalise on the affection that the booksell placed on each table, and ers felt - or were purported to feel - for Jackie. Dinner people were setting fire to the wrappers to watch them float

cluded a lot of flambé dishes,

their drama. Great bursts of

which Jackie liked because of

candlelit tables for 10 in the big ballroom of the Shoreham Hotel, and each table was to have one empty chair so that Jackie could move from table to table throughout the meal. The lighting was kept low, the orchestra played romantic music, and the booksellers filed past Jackie ... where [she] displayed her phenome

nal memory, greeting each by name, not to mention the name of each one's dog and CST. The menu had been chosen perhaps mistakenly, with flamboyance in mind, and in-

long enough to know that that wasn't enough. If these people flame lit up the room - occasionally accompanied by the smell of singed hair — illumi-nating, as if in hell, Jackie as were going to sell her book. she loved them, and she would make them love her. Perhaps the most memorable event of the whole Love Machine campaign was the party at the American Booksellers Association conven-tion. The evening had been

Ted"), but that was about it. Jackie had been around stars

was to be served at intimate slowly in flames to the ceiling. Jackie could be seen smiling fiercely, in ill-disguised terror, as she attempted to shield her wig from the

At last the meal dragged to an end. There was a rousing fanfare. The lighting dropped from dim to dark while a hired singer — Tony Bennett had apparently declined — sang the Love Machine theme, four waiters descended a flight of stairs bearing a spotlit cake in the shape of a giant book, its

icing resembling the Love Machine jacket. The whole room rose to applaud as the

Sweater girl MY TEN-YEAR-OLD black cashmere turtleneck is old again. In each succeeding generation, it seems to age more quickly. My wife has worn mine over the years, and I remember the sweater com-ing off, drawn over her head in that pose, like Picasso's sketch of the nursing mother, that is the quintessence of the feminine. I remember one of

Jacqueline Susann's second novel, The Love Machine, and their own device, and we recalls some early literary promotion in the Bookseller Originally published in the New Yorker.

Fallout from BSE may spur Westminster to confront the imminent revenue crisis

Something is rotten in the fiscal fantasy state



at 6.25 per cent this year, when in fact it will grow at below 5 per cent, a shortfall in cash terms of some £10 billion. But the Government would not have claimed the whole of the missing £10 billion in taxation: taxes only represent around 36 per-cent of GDP. Something is going seriously awry. The implications are sober-

ing. Even if growth now picks up to meet the Government's

Will Hutton

ARELY can the ideol-ogy of relaxing "bur-densome" rules on business and Treaover-optimistic targets, the combination of last November's tax cuts and the same pattern of disappearing tax receipts will mean that next surv cheeseparing as a route economic and social wellyear's PSBR can only fall marginally below £30 billion, even before the impact of BSE. Include BSE, and the outlook for both the pext two being have been so savagely exposed as being false ratio-nale as in the BSE crisis. A thorough approach to polic-ing abattoirs and the health of financial years is worse still. cattle herds and the threat to public health and the beef in-Yet the pace of growth and flow of receipts are only two parts of the rather complex equation that determines any dustry alike would have been much reduced.

The consequences across the board, from the trading prospects of beef producers to government's financial posi tion. The third is the growth of public spending - or rather lack of it. Here, the the financial position of the rainer lace of n. Here, the realisation is dawning that the spending targets over the next three years, falling by 0.9 per cent next year and ris-ing less than 1.0 per cent for the following two years, are probably unattainable. Al-British government, will reverberate for years to come. Indeed it is here, as estimates of the potential bill climb as high as £12 billion, that the first more generalised impact will be felt

For BSE promises to be the catalytic event that will cies extend across the whole public service sector. One fifth of NHS trusts are finan-cially unstable. Universities underline the unsustainability of the current fiscal posi-tion and the necessity of raisare creaking at the seams. Many local authorities are having to attack their educaing taxation that will confront the next govern-ment, of whatsver political hue. Only two days before the BSE crisis broke, the Trea-sury released figures showing that the cumulative public

tion budgets, and compulsory competitive tendering has gone as far as it can in cutting any fat. Swingeing reductions in capital programmes will only be avoided if the private finance initiative shows some sector borrowing require-ment (PSBR) — the gap be-tween the public sector's spending and receipts --- was £22.6 billion for the first 11 life. A significant overrun in government spending is al-most certain, in which case the chances of the PSBR fallmonths of the year.



pertmental spending has only marginally overshot the pro-jections of 18 months ago. Nor has it been a notable weakening in income tax receipts, whose reduction can largely be attributed to lower growth. ready civil service redundan-There are two chief culprits: corporation tax, where the yield is £2.5 billion down, despite profits growing faster than expected and, most marked of all, VAT. Eighteen months ago the Government projected VAT receipts of £49 billion for this year. Now it looks as though the yield could be lower than £43 billion.

> HE Treasury is so con-cerned that it has set up a joint investigation with Customs and Excise. Part of the story is obvi-

avoiding and evading tax. Multinationals' facility in reporting profits only in lowtax countries or tax havens grows annually. In sum, growth yields ever less taxation revenue. An incoming government has to remedy this either by raising taxes or reducing spending — the kind of unpal-latable choice the next 12 months of political debete is unlikely to illuminate. The rise in tax over a five-year parliament to increase the tax yield, move borrowing on to a sustainable trend and allow the growth in public spending

need not be great — 1 to 1.5 per cent of GDP would be sufficient, leaving Britain a low-tax country — but it is an imperative. Nor need it involve a politi-

cal agenda remains domi-nated by fantasy promises of sive an attack on the prospect; the sums are the same for them. tax and spending cuts, with the hope that that a rise in One source of relief would

be more growth, but while consumption will keep the fationary way. It won't. The public sector languishes, the tax take is too there is a good case for lifting demand at the moment, it is also clear that there is not the industrial capacity to meet it, so the inflationary risk of any further stimulus — with the growth of broad money running in double figures — is acute. A consensus is emerging that one precondition for improving responsiveness of investment to demand boosts is the recasting of the finance-industry relationships which militate against investment (a theme in an important essay collection, Creating Indus-trial Capacity*, published this

But the mainstream politi-

bridge University Press

THE ECONOMICS PAGE 11 Why Clinton is still gripped by insecurity

Worldview

Edward Balls

ILL Clinton will still be Bin the White House this time next year. or so the Washington consensus be-

The President is riding high in the polls and the economy does not seem likely to go sour. The third-longest expansion since 1945 has seen unemployment fall from 7.7 per cent to 5.5 per cent since 1992 and the creation of

8.4 million jobs. Yet there is no sign of selfsatisfaction in the adminis-tration. President Clinton chose not to herald this economic good news in his State of the Union address in January. Instead, the Democrats, led by Labour Secretary Rob-ert Reich, are engaged in err keich, are engaged in fierce debate over how to boost living standards and tackle job security. You've guessed it — the feel-good factor has yet to return in America, too. A "feel very had" factor is more boy. Its pagements are the

how US newspapers see the mood,

Time magazine recently ran a front cover heralding the new "Anxious Class". The Washington Post last week ran an op-ed headline mocking "The Woe Is Me Genera-tion". The New York Times had a high-profile series on corporate job-cutting. Economic growth and job reation have not translated into rising living standards. Average real wages have continued to fall throughout this

recovery as they have for more than 20 years. Pollsters point to a pervasive mood that people are working harder to stand still. Sure, eight million jobs have been created since 1992, a harassed Democratic voter complains, and I've got three of them.

UT it is the threat of job Bloss, and the accompanying loss of health coverage and other benefits, low, and neither sustainable recovery nor more stimula-tive economic policies are which grip public and politi-cians alike — and set the agenda for the autumn elecpossible unless the criteria governing investment are substantially reformed. It detion. At one extreme, Pat Bu-chanan has been playing to fames the discourse of British democratic debate that the country's real economic op-tions are not debated. Perfears that low-cost countries are stealing American jobs. Wiser heads such as Robert Reich and Treasury deputy secretary Larry Summers ar-gue that trade plays far too small a role in the American haps one good byproduct of BSE is that it will force the issues into the open. "Edited by Jonathan Michie and John Grieve-Smith, Cameconomy to explain the de-

cline in real wages. They point, instead, to the rapid pace of technological change. This is the minefield the Democrats have to navigate in persuading voters to opt for more of the same. Their message must be that they offer a two-stage process: a first term of employment prowth, economic reform and iscal consolidation, a plat form upon which to build; and a second term of rising

living standards and reduced insecurity. But how do they achieve that? One option is to tackle the desire for greater job security head-on by en-couraging large US compa-nies to hire workers, and make it harder for them to shed labour. This is the focus of a romat compiled by Demo of a report compiled by Democratic senator Jeff Bingaman. The report proposes tax incentives for companies to train their workers and offer pension and health benefits. But it also contains more than a whiff of Buchanan-style protectionism - tax incentives would be available only to US companies that dedicate 90 per cent of all in-vestment and employment to the US market.

NLY 20 per cent of po-NLY 20 per cent of po-tential Democrats work for large corpora-tions, however. Attempting to hamper trade, foreign in-vestment and technological change to protect existing jobs does nothing to help the self employed, those who have lost their jobs or fear they might be next in line. Which is why the Demo-

cratic policy agenda will focus the insecurity argument not on stopping people losing their last jobs but in helping them get the next. A job-creating economy, health-care reform, and education and retraining packages for displaced workers are likely to form the core of the platform. Last week's White House budget proposals in-cluded substantial expansion

of retraining assistance. For, as Clinton campaign guru James Carville argues in a new book, We're Right, They're Wrong: A Handbook for Spirited Progressives, education is the fault-line splitting winners and losers. Mr Carville's book offers a confident version of this New Democrat case, and a celebra tion of the demise of Newt Gingrich's new-right Con-tract With America. And the name of the economic chapter of his new book? "It's still the economy, stupid."



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month for borrowing. Last year the figure exceeded £10 billion, and insiders now the Chancellor has almost no room for any tax cuts this No-vember; even repeating this think the total PSBR for the year will be a little above £31 billion. But just 18 months ago, in the 1994 November budget, the Chancellor pro-jected a PSBR of £21.5 billion year's token £3 billion will de-pend on manipulating the numbers. But it also points for 1995, so the deterioration is some £10 billion. It is a up the fact that the structural remarkable turnround Part of the explanation is

weakening in the pattern of tax receipts confronts an in-coming government with some hard financial choices. For what has driven the disappointing growth. The value of goods and services in overshoot has not yet been any more than the growing public spending, where de- adeptness of companies in the economy - money GDP - was then forecast to grow

of growth in consumer spend-ing, but the principal driver is Britain's increasingly unstandard rate of income tax. ing below £30 billion next year are further reduced. Altogether this means that There are areas to target, ranging from environmental equal society: the spending of the bottom 30 or 40 per cent is skewed towards VAT-exempt goods and the cash and informal economy where the VAT inspector's remit does not run. Include some self-defeating manpower reductions in Customs and Excise weak ening its tax policing powers and the picture is compl Nor is it likely to change

taxes, the North Sea, stamp duty, tightening up on capital gains and inheritance tax, extending the VAT base to in-clude, for example, private education, tightening the qualifications for profit-related pay, and building in some progressivity to indirect taxation, that could do the job comfortably and equitably The Conservatives and their media allies should be wary about launching too aggres-

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Revaluing the boffins

Briefing

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Richard Thomas

CIENTISTS rarely en-S joy the sort of media ex-posure they have had over the past week. Unfortunately for the organisers of National Science Week, which finishes today, this has had nothing to do with their efforts - and more to do with RSE.

The value of science in a hat value of engency of this kind is clear. We need the white-coated experts to ex-plain what is going on, and tell us what to do. At other times, the £1.3 billion a year state support of scientific research is subject to close, sceptical. scrutiny.

The Government is increasingly concerned with securing value for money from the boffins and promot-ing economically "relevant" research. But how do we judge science's value?

Indicators

US: Consumer confidence

Seeking answers, the Treasury commissioned a re-search project from the Sci-ence Policy Research Unit (Sprn) on the economic im-pact of science. The final ver-sion, to be delivered this week, concludes scientific research does help the economy, in the following ways:

• basic science provides new | dents said 11 per cent of instruments and techniques, | their new products, and 9 which can find commercial | per cent of their new proinstruments and techniques, which can find commercial cesses, could not have been developed in the absence of • former scientists often recent academic research.

The Sprit study cites 40 other places of "witchcraft" which attempt to gauge the economic returns to investment in science. Only two researchers report a nega tive result, and the majority estimate returns ranging from 10-40 per cent. But the returns are not

necessarily enjoyed in the country which made the inrestment. Britain is notori ously good at exporting brilliant science — probably paid for by the taxpayer — for others to exploit. Hence the new obession with rele-Pance.

Mever, think the Gov-ever, think the Govstructures change constantly, but it is impossible to know the the issue from the wrong end. Dr Kirsty Hughes, head of the European Programme at the Royal Institute for International Affairs, says: useless. But the real economy rarely lies and evidence sug-gests the inflation outlook is benign with scope for more 4 "The problem lies not with university-industry links, but with British firms and their approach to innova-Science, she says, should per cent by Christmas a realis-tic target. Monetarism may be be for society as a whole, not

back but not for long. just for business. Knowledge makes us all richer. Even if Ian Shepherdson is a senior UK economist with HSBC Markets

Tourist rates — bank sells

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join industry, providing firms with a range of skills; • a national science base provides an "entry ticket" to

worldwide expertise: • research can produce related spin-off companies. The problem is quantifying these contributions to the satisfaction of Whiteball Professor Ben Martin, a

Spru author, admits this is difficult to do with any

One of the big problems is that it is impossible to know in advance which research directions will eventually lead to commercial products. A number of creditable attempts have been made to put a value on basic science.

sor Edwin Mansfield at the University of Pennsyl-vania, one of the most impor-tant figures in this field, adopts a direct approach to the problem.

His latest research, published in the Review of Economics and Statistics, simply asks firms about their reliance on scientific research. He surveyed 76 US firms, in the fields of electronics, intion." formation-processing, pharmaceuticals, chemicals,

petroleum, metals and instruments. The respon- | the Treasury can't see it.

TODAY --- IT: Industrial probank Council Meeting. duction (Jan). TOMORROW - US: FOMC trade (Jan). meeting (Mar). IT: IGC conterence (Turin). UK: Balance of Payments (O4). WEDNESDAY - UK: Capital expenditure (O4-Rev).

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CUP RUGBY UNION AND RUGBY LEAGUE

Pilkington Cup, semi-finals: Bath 19, Gloucester 10

Hill left deflated by Bath's ball

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ICHARD HILL was not best pleased by the Puma ball Bath used in their unconvincing semi-final victory at the Recreation Ground. The Gloucester director of rugby, whose team are accustomed to the traditional Gilbert ball, complained that his goal-kicker Mark Mapletoft missed a couple of second-half penal-ties that might have turned the game Gloucester's way largely because he had not ac-quired the proper "feel" of the

Bath ceased using the Gil-bert ball three years ago after negotiating a substantial contract with Puma, which sup-plies all the balls used in their home games. But Hill, who ironically was pictured in the Bath match programme holding a Puma ball in his days as a Bath coach, insisted: "It's not a very good ball; it is thin-ner than the Gilbert and, if you don't hit it bang on, it

moves about in the air. "We practised with the Puna during training but ob-viously we didn't have enough experience with that ball. Today Jon Callard was a match winner for Bath with his goal-kicking. We had our opportunities too, but missing the points on those penalties didn't do us any favours. We

were disappointed to lose." Hill's remarks raise the question of whether the Rugby Football Union should standardise the type of ball used in domestic competi-tions, which currently permit a *laissez-faire* approach among the clubs. One reason why Bath generally win tight contests such as this semifinal is their well-honed abil-ity to capitalise on small

Nevertbeless, they just about deserved to win be-cause they defended consis-tantiy well after giving away a "sucker" try to the Gloucester scrum-half Scott Benton. who scored from a tap penalty early in the second half. But Jon Hall, Bath's director of rugby, admitted that his play-ers would have to raise their game by several degrees in order to win their 10th final, against Leicester at Twickenham on May 4. In the meantime, six league games remain to be won to secure the Courage Championship.

It was, though, an auspi-cious homecoming for Hill, who has rapidly forged a promising new career with Gloucester and England A, for whom he is coach, after losing out to Hall in last summer's power struggle at The Rec. One of the most talented young coaches in the country, he has developed a flexible game plan for his young side that allows them to express individual skills and achieve continuity in doing so. The dynamic 20-year-old hooker Phil Greening was a prime example of the new gung-ho mood. "We didn't just come to

make up the numbers, though for the opening 40 minutes that's what we seemed to be doing," said Hill. "Bath doing, said thin how to taught us a lesson in how to hit rucks and drive the ball." Gloucester did not remotely resemble a team facing the threat of relegation as they pegged back Bath back inside their own 22 in the second half. Sims shaded Redman in the battle for line-out ball, Glanville supplied purposeful aggression on the blind side, and the props Windo and Deacon gave as good as they got from their international opponents. The rare sight of the Bath warhorse Dawe retiring with a shoulder injury must have done much to keep Gloucester's adrenalin

pumping. Even so, the bottom line for Bath was the scoreline — at one stage they led 19-3 — which ultimately guaranteed them another major pay-day in front of a world-record crowd for a club game, 78,000. It is a measure of Bath's indepth resources that their patchy collective perfor-mance was retrieved seconds after half-time by a magnifi-cent solo try by Adebayo, who thundered 40 metres down the left touchline, shaking off defenders like bits of straw, to

ground the ball at the flag. That score virtually opened up a fresh instalment in the Bath saga of success. No doubt the prospect of another league and cup double will encourage "investors to take on the prime commitment of players' contracts". as the chairman Richard Mawditt put it after the club's recent decision to set up a trust company. Is it a sign of the times, though, that the chairman's



No rest at The Rec ... the Gioncester flanker Ian Smith finds Bath's No. 8 Ben Clarke a handful PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARG

big as players? The acid test of Bath's economic stability will surely come in the close season when their best players, nine picture in the match pro-gramme is now four times as tracted to the RFU, are

courted by rival clubs, particularly well-heeled Harlequins. Several club coaches would give more than their eye teeth to sign such quality players as Callard and Eric Peters, neither of whom com mands a regular first-t

place at The Rec. On the day the sparky Callard made his full-back rival Mike Catt, who Gott D Halton, G Dawe (39mini, V Ubogu, M Haag, Gjornok, A Robinson, B Clerk Catt, A was at No. 10, look plodding. SOGREENS Bath: Trys Adebayo Conversion: Collard, Persiline: Collar

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Silk Cut Challenge Cup, semi-final Bradford Bulls 28, Leeds 6

Smith's new breed charge into final

Paul Fitzpatrick

AST November Bradford Bulls were beaten 32-18 at home by a St Helens side reduced to 12 mer with the dismissal of Vila Matautia after 27 minutes, then to 11 when Andy Northey was sent off 12 minites after half-time. That was not one of the most uplifting nights in the life of Brian Smith. A less resilient character than Bradford's Australian coach might have panicked. Instead he allowed himself a moment of depression and then got on

with the rebuilding. That has involved Bradford in a stream of comings and goings. Not all Smith's dealings appeared inspired but the justification for his fever ish activity was evident at Huddersfield's McAlpine Stadium on Saturday when his revamped side all but overran the more fancied Leeds. Curiously, the Bradford upturn can possibly be traced to the day they transferred their top player, Paul Newlove, to St Helens. Smith did not want to lose him, but the money (£250,000) and the three play ers (Loughlin, Nickle and Dwyer) the Bulls received in return were crucial ingredients in the reconstruction.

The Centenary season was a struggle for the Bulls. They lost 12 of 20 games and finished fifth from bottom. But the cup run allowed Smith and his assistant, Matthew Elliott, extra games in which to fostar team spirit and develop playing patterns. The reward is Bradford's first appearance at Wembley since 1973. They will go there on April 27 as underdogs against St Helens unless the Super League games in be-tween force a radical reexamination of relative

strengths. Leeds's head coach Dear Bell sounded afterwards like a man with little room for ma-

noeuvre. No matter how hard he might knock on the boardroom door, it is evident he does not expect to receive

money to buy new players. From this time last year. Leeds have lost Hanley. Schofield, Lowes, and Innes who. gallingly for Leeds since they believe he should still be playing for them. scored two tries for his Australian club Manly yesterday.

Replacing men of this quality would not be easy anyway and without money impossible. For Bell it is a case of make do and mend. "Ninety per cent of the team have a future... and while I have no one to bring in, the other 10 per cent are likely to stay as well." he said. Leeds never recovered from

a calamitous opening 13 min-utes in which they conceded two tries down their right flank to Jonathan Scales, and another down the left to Matt Calland, playing impressively at centre in his first game since he was given a long suspension in December,

Scales, who was brought into rugby league by Leeds from Newcastle Gosforth. completed his hat-trick of tries in the second half, the result yet again of clever interplay between Donougher and Loughlin, and there was a fifth, impudent try for Knox on the hour.

A bold touchdown from Francis Cummins on the quarter-hour had hinted at a Leeds revival but it never materialised. They were unable even to make more than two points' profit from Jason Donohue's departure to the sin-bin early in the second half. They have problems.

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Australian start hit by six forfeits

HE depleted Australian (with the ARL-loyal St premiership finally cicked off at the weekend, George. In Newcastle. about 1,000 fans watched their club's under-21s take but some fins had to settle for junior games after a on South Queensland's

players' strike saw the number of matches cut youngsters. Western Suburbs opened from 10 to four. The ARL's competition was hit by forfeits as play-ers contracted to Rupert Murdoch's rebel Super

the troubled season with a 17-8 defeat of illawarra Steelers at Wollongong.

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Sunday's action was restricted to a mismatch beeen Manly and

London Irish 21. Leicester 46

Tigers take slow road to Twickenham

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HE going at Sunbury was described as "good to soft" by the Tannoy announcer. But whereas such a muddy surface would have a mundy sinace would have slowed the riders up the road at Kempton Park, this game was a gallop, a white-knuckle ride of eight tries that vecred from the sublime to the ridículous.

A packed crowd, a giant television screen and an ex-pansive match, it was an ochave won every time. pansive match, it was an oc-casion to savour. David Hum- came during the match when

Rob Henderson and Paul green Volvo" to move his car. Flood outshone Leicester's prosaic midfield trio. But, as Sheepishly, Irish's prop and captain Gary Halpin delayed expected, the Tigers' yeoman pack eventually prevailed. Dean Richards and his men a scrum and trotted to the touchline. Yes, the car was his. 'It was the most memoraslowed things down after the ble moment in my career," he interval and the match ended anid after wards. with a rolling maul from which Matt Poole crashed over for Leicester's sixth and There was even an incident of high farce when the police took away two overwrought

final try. In 14 meetings bespectators after an altercation tween these sides Leicester in the main stand. One of them turned out to be the father of Leicester's England lock Martin Johnson; he was

Harrogate amazed as referee books whole team

"We were all speechless," O Jonathan Sleightholme, "We were all speechless,"

Hockey

Pat Rowley

CHRIS REES made refer-ceeing history at the weekend when he booked an entire team — for off-side. Rees, from the London Society, took the names of all 15 Harrogate players during their Courage League Three game at Otley. "We were all speechless," ship-clinching try against Ireland, joins England's 10-Man squad for the Hong Kong Sevens next weekend, squab D Hopiny (Waste, capf), A Adebays (Bith), A Headay (Oref), B Hartlepool), D Scalify (Wasteld), T Hartlepool), D Scalify (Wasteld), T Hartlepool), D Scalify (Wasteld), T Hodier (Nor (Bath), C Site played into their hands."

Cross Country

phreys made his club debut at the same announcer twice later allowed back into the fly-half and the Irish centres had to ask "the owner of the ground. Rattled indeed. Richards, of all people, lost his head twice just before the interval, throt Yet for all Irish's verve be tiing Colin Hall at a line-out and cuffing Humphreys at a ruck, which resulted in a Cor-

hind the scrum, and passion in it, the fears of their coach Clive Woodward were real-ised when their Australian scrum-half Tim Ewington was taken to hospital with a suspected broken ankle. Pro-motion to League One remains a priority and Satur-day's trip to Wakefield is a game Irish really must win, "I would have lost this game 10 times rather than not

outstanding try 13 minutes after half-time. Rory Under-wood burst from his 22 and get promotion," said Halpin. "The team will be decimated if we don't go up. Fellows like Corcoran and Henderson won't stay around if we're not playing in the first division." Tony Russ, Leicester's coaching director, acknowl-edged that Irish would be an 'asset" to the top division, but Woodward was more crit-ical. "We blew it big time," he said. "We let in a few soft tries in the second half. We

the counter-attack unded with Phil Delaney touching down benesth the posts. beneath the posts. sconstructure to an advert stream stre

coran penalty as Irish pulled back to 21-22. Richards was

lucky not to join Halpin and Neil Back on a yellow card. But Leicester are a formida-ble side and they won the second half 24-0, scoring one

had them rattled but slowed the game down and that

as a compatriot.

Griffiths gets better of his old partner

Martyn Williams

LANELLI's winning halfback partnership in the 1988 final was the two Jonathans, Davies and Griffiths. Both switched codes but they returned seven years later. returned seven years later. Here they were in opposi-tion, Davies having a rare outing in his favourite out-side-half position for Cardiff, Griffiths, a scrum-half, also wearing a No. 10 jersey be-cause Llanelli had no one else to fill it. It should have been no contest. Indeed — but Grif-fiths won hands down. "We were static, sterile and stag-nant," said Cardiff's booker

Jonathan Humphreys. The outcome could have been settled by half-time but Llanelli's Justin Thomas, a temporary kicker, missed four penalties, though he did land one in response to Davies's. Though of poor quality it was a pulsating half, some-thing had to give, and a pre-

risely weighted cross-field kick from Neil Boobyer bounced be-hind the Cardiff three quarters and a neat dribble gave Jeuan

and a near dribble gave levan Evans a try. Cardiff responded when Andrew Lewis latched on to a line-out tap-down. The conver-sion gave them the lead at 10-8 and for 20 minutes their pack had a stranglehold. Maybe they they thus the dilumer

cial stop. She eventually finished fourth but would surely otherwise have won. The consolation was that they tired, though; the delivery of easily won ball was slow, methodical and unproductive. the winner, Gete Wami, It was meat and drink to Lla-nelli's flanker Gwyn Jones. Then Griffiths exploded from "The Kenyans were their usual selves, all bunching and sharp elbows," said South Africa's Colleen de his own 22 for a 70-yard run on the blind side, and Llanelli spent most of the last quarter inside Cardiff's half. Inevitably a penalty came their way, Thomas kicked it.

Cardiff forced their way to the Llanelli posts during six minutes of injury time and Davies waited for possession from a scrum and the chance bense, Jon Brown, who fin-ished 12th, readily ac-knowledged Clarke's motivational input but said of a winning drop goal, but one of his forwards handled needlessly in the scrum. What Davies screamed is unprint-able; his half-back partner of that their preparation had been haphazard. He beeight years ago just smiled. 1 EXECUT YEARS AGO JUST STDILED. SCORERS: Lianoliki Trye / Evans. Penaltine: Thornes 2. Cardell: Trye Lewis. Conversion: J Davies. Penalty: J Davies. Lianoliki J Thornes: I Evans, N Sochyer, M Winfile, W Procker, J Grittike, R Moon; R Evans, M Percence, S John, P Davies (capd. P Jones. M Percence, C Wyall, G Jones. Cardiffer I Jones, N Watsor, M Hall, S Johns, S Hill; J Davies, A Moore, A Lawis, J Homokroyn, L Mussice, J Weskeford, O Jones, V Davies, H Taylor (capd., E Lewis, Mannakroyn, L Busice, J Weskeford, O Jones, V Davies, H Taylor (capd., E Lewis, Mannakrosh, E Davies, C MCPL) lieves that a national squad should be established, with

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awas About 300 fans turned up at Sydney's Kogaragh Oval even though the Super crossed four times as League club Western Reds Manly won 44-6 before a bad forfeited their game meagre 6,532 crowd.

Swimming

Atlanta-bound Foot makes cash point

IGHT years after her last appearance at the Olym-pics, Caroline Foot qual-lifed for the Atlanta Games at Helen Slatter (100m back-ter field for the Atlanta Games at Helen Slatter (100m backthe age of 31 by winning the 100 metres butterfly in a per-sonal best of 1min 1.89sec at the British trials in Sheffield

last night. However, rather than bask in the glow of her success Foot, who retired after Seoul but made a comeback in 1994. used her win to highlight the lack of financial support for British swimmers. "There are a lot of talented

swimmers in this country but only the cream are getting any support," she said. "I don't receive any sponsorship or grants. I'm not saying this for myself but for the younger swimmers; I think there should be more support for swimmers between 20 and 25

so they feel there is an incentive to carry on." Last night's final session

Cycling

Colombo springs surprise

Gaught the pack by sur-prise on the final straight to

win the 184-mile Milan-San Remo, the first of the season's 11 World Cup races. "I knew my chances were almost non-existent in a four-way sprint so I tried a solo finish," said the 23-year-old after his first major victory in two years as a professional.

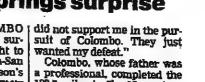
The Ukraine's Alex Cont-chenkov was left to fight off Italy's Michele Coppoliilo for second place, with the Italian-born Briton Max Sciandri fourth, all one second behind. Sciandri felt he was the big loser. "I was the best sprinter of the quartet," he said. "I lost a great opportunity. Others

stroke), who swam in Seoul and Barcelona, secure their Atlanta berths. On Saturday James Hick-man, 20, broke the second-oldest British record twice on Saturday. He bettered Phil Hubble's 200m butterfly re-cord, which had stood since

1981, in the heats when he be-came the first Briton to break two minutes with a time of 1.59.72, cutting half a second off Hubble's record. In the final he reduced the record by a further 1.32sec.

Another long-standing record fell in the women's 200m medley, where Sus Rolph's win in 2.16.41 cut 0.8sec off Jean Hill's 10-year-old British record. The selectors will announce

tive to carry on." Last night's final session saw the Commonwealth ready gained their places.



182.2 miles in 7hr 27sec at an average speed of 26.03mph. He broke away from the pack along with Gontchenkov, Cop-pollilo and Sciandri on the Cipressa hill, nine miles from the finish. They reached the Poggio climb, often considered the key to this 87-yearold classic, with a 20sec lead.

the others came to me."

The man from Varese was an unlikely winner in a strong field of 198. "Even I was surprised," he added. "I attacked on the Cipressa for my team-mate Stefano Zanini but then

Mukesh's glorious late strike

kills off England fightback

HE sport's new national stadium at Milton Keynes was treated to a marvellous opening international as England's men recovered from 3-0 down to draw level with India, only to lose to a spectacular fourth goal by the visitors.

The highest-scoring game between the two countries was almost a reverse of the Britain v India match at the Olympic qualifying tournament in January, when India came back from 3-1 down to draw 3-3.

Here, India's ability to break incisively and with dexterity caused England to concede three goals in the first 22 minutes. Mukesh Kumar kept up his impressive scoring record against England by getting his side's first and last goals. He coolly lobbed the ball over Luckes in the ninth minute after the England goalkeeper had done well to deny Pillay, India's always dangerous cen- Sally Gibson and Jackie tre-forward

Sanjeev and Pillay scored for India before Chris Mayer claimed England's first goal, racing in to deflect a fine cross by his Cannock club-mate Kalbir Takher, the player of the match, at the far

The belated switch to centre-forward of Mark Pearn, England's best attacker until Mayer's introduction, then enabled him to win England a

penalty, powerfully converted by Nick Thompson. Three minutes later a fine move saw the left-winger Ben Sharpe hit the equaliser from Mayer's pass. But when England con-

tinued to press forward for the winner, Pillay broke away and fed Mukesh and the winger hit a glorious winning shot

The preceding women's international had been a low-key affair, with a belowstrength England side failing to maintain their early dominance against France but con-

verting two of their many first-half chances, through

titles and both the men's individual senior and junior Crook's penalty stroke.

Stephen Bierley in Stellenbosch on a familiar tale of African domination

HE thrill of seeing a both times by Ethioplans surging group of Afri-In a repeat of last year ca's greatest athletes hurtle along against a beautiful backdrop of cloudcrowned mountains and emerald-green woodland transformed Saturday's 24th World Cross Country Championships into some-thing far greater than any individual component. Stellenbosch, with its Dutch architecture and European neatness, is other Kenyans, watched hardly typical Africa, but and waited. The moment of the red and ochre soil that truth came at the final stained the runners' shoes clearance of a large treewas of another continent trunk: Gebrselassie hit it and another world. and almost went down; Ter-

Kenya and Rihiopia have dominated for a decade and gat, slamming on the brakes, just managed evamore, and their hold here sive action and then struck was again absolute. The Ke-nyans took all four team with venom. Ethiopia's Derartu Tulu,

the reigning women's champion, had similar mis-

races. Only in the women's fortune, losing her shoe ships was Africa and the races were they defeated, and having to make a cru-

Clarke picking the teams. "The trials are a waste of time. It is an old story; the glory of these champion-

In a repeat of last year, Paul Tergat retained the men's title with a last-lap turn of sub-four-minute-

Kenya take it in their stride

mile pace that seemed be-youd mere mortals in a hu-Reack after finishing fifth. Britain has enjoyed a more cohesive, coordinated mid 30C. A god on the track last season, Haile Gebrae-lassie found that his rhythm faltered when off eason thanks to the appointment of Dave Clarke as senior men's team manager. After seven weeks of altitude training in the United States at his own ex-

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mith's newby up in track **Cigar lights** work-out

Chris Hawkins on the draw for the Dubai World Cup

Racing

HE American champion Cigar, drawn towards the outside at

number eight in a field of 11 for Wednesday's Jubai World Cup, moved in fluent style when ridden by Jerry Bailey in a four furlong work-out under the flood-lights of the Nad Al Sheba

Cigar cantered with his pony Snowball, ridden by Bill Mott the trainer, for five furlongs before Bailey let him go on alone, covering the final half mile in 49.1 seconds - an

All mile in 49.1 seconds — an impressive time. A six-hour downpour on Friday had laft the inside of the sand track mushy, but al-though the ground dries quickly the middle to outside passage seems likely to be the best rourse. best course.

Bailey, like so many Americans, can talk as good a race as he rides and says he is more afraid of the elements than the opposition in the \$4 million race billed as the world's mile and a quarter championshi

"The only thing that shakes my confidence is that this is horseracing and anything can happen, but if Cigar is the normal Cigar I've no doubts," said Bailey. "He'd be mad at me if I didn't have the utmost confidence in him."

Cigar will not be allowed to run on Lasix (a drug which stops horses breaking blood els) but Mott is not worried about this and explains that Cigar won in New York

when running clean. This strong athletic horse, who won 10 out of 10 and nearly \$5 million in the United States isst year, is 54 favourite with Ladbrokes. who rate Halling (drawn five) the main danger at 7-2. Pentire, drawn on the wide out-side at 11, is a 4-1 chance.

Halling, a member of the Godolphin team, could not handle the sloppy dirt surface at Belmont when besten pointless by Cigar in the Breeders' Cup last autumn, but he has work four four four four but he has won four times on the sand here and, according

to the Godolphin manager Simon Cristord, is "as good now as he has ever been in his life." Pentire and Needle Gun

represent Britain. The former has been here for over a month and started his prepa-

month and started his prepa-ration in January. His great asset is his turn of foot, but while his trainer. Geoff Wragg, has been saying privately that his colt will "pick off the big American brute" he fought shy of such fighting talk in public yesterday. resterday

Needle Gun, drawn 10, is a 100-1 shot with Hill's. Clive Brittain, his trainer, is used to being the underdog in big international events.

International events. He has won a few of them. however, notably the Japan Cup with Jupiter Island and the Breeders' Cup with Peb-bles, but Needle Gun, who will be ridden by Brett Doyle instead of Mick Kinane, has won only two of 21 races and looks well outclassed.

This is a very high class racs. Between them the 11 runners have won 81 races and over \$15 million. The average international rating is 121.5 and according to Geof-frey Gibbs, the British Hor-seracing Board's senior handicapper, this makes it the hottest race ever run.

Frankie Dettori rides Halling, while Pat Eddery is on Larrocha. This filly was formerly trained by Luca Cu-mani, but is now based in Dubai and represents the United Arab Emirates.

Larrocha, drawn three, won easily at a mile and a half over the course in February, but that seems to be her distance rather than 10 furlongs. One of the most impressive workers on the track last

night was the Australian horse Danswin, who clocked a fast time. He will be ridden by Damien Oliver, who is only 23 but has already won the Melbourne Cup and three Flemington Cups and is a rider of the highest order. The 11 runners are:

Folkestone with form for the Jackpot races

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BackERS reeling from a series of beaten favourites at the Chel-

more suitable for three-mile chasers, Dane O'Neill punched home the 33-1 shot Stone Ridge just as Richard Quinn was pulling up Sharp Prospect, the 7-1 favourite, who finished

certainly wasn't confident. He hadn't been working well," he said. Interstay, conditions are milikely to be too testing. Interstay, but seems in good form now. A final decision will be made after his last

Sharp Prospect's trainer. Reg Akehurst, was not in-clined to blame the abnormally gluepot going, but yesterday explained the reason behind the favourite's poor running. "Richard Quinn said the

horse lost his action com-pletely at the point where the round course joins the

straight mile. "The knee which he damaged last season is all right, but he pulled a muscle in his back. That should res-pond to treatment and I don't see him being out of

action for too long," he said.

concerned that the testing ground would be unsuit-able for the winner. "I just didn't know whether he'd like it and I cast before the Aintree

Rough Quest, runner-up in the Cheltenham Gold schooling session on Thurs-day morning. Whether he runs will depend on how he jumps then," said the

Cup, was yesterday con-firmed a definite Grand National starter by his trainer trainer, Terry Casey. Predictably, though, the best backed horse over the Paul Carberry is likely to partner Tartan Tyrant, whose regular rider Tony Dobbin dislocated his left shoulder in a fall at Kelso weekend was Superior Fin-ish following the booking of Richard Dunwoody for

last Friday. It is the second bad injury this season for Dobbin. He Jenny Pitman's runner. Superior Finish, who unseated Peter Niven at the 10th fence in last year's race, was slashed from 14-1 to 10-1 by Coral and hurt bis right shoulder last November, which led to his losing the ride on the subsequent King George VI Chase winner One Man. Ladbrokes.

Simon Barle was yester-day more hopeful that Dextra Dove will recover from

Miinnehoma, winner of the National two years ago, is not certain to line up, but injury in time to run at Aintree. "I was happy with his latest work. He was really sorry for himself last Peu and Riverside Boy.

Hexham jumping programme

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Sport in brief

Front-runner Riley stays a step ahead

WAYNE RILEY's conviction that he is on the verge of becoming a prolific winner on the European golf tour carried him to a hard-fought victory in the Portuguese Open yesterday, writes *Michael Britten in Lisbon*. The Australian, who had mastered Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie to capture the Scottish Open last summer, this time withstood the combined efforts of England's Martin Gates and Mark Davis after a ferocious thunderstorm interrupted the final round for 3% hours. Riley had set out with a two-stroke advantage and he turned

for home three ahead after holing from 15 feet for an eagle three at the 9th. When he birdied the long 10th only the margin of his victory seemed in doubt. But there were unexpected alarms in the closing stages, notably when his under-hit approach to the 12th spun back off the green and his pitch to the long 15th ended 12 in spin back on the green and his pitch to the long is in ended woefully short. Gates, still seeking his first tour victory, then birdied the 14th and 15th, and when Riley overshot the short 16th green the Briton was presented with a golden opportunity to draw level. But from only two feet he completely missed the hole and his three putts ended his challenge. Up ahead, Davis had eagled the 10th from 25 feet and added birdies at the 12th and 17th. Another birdie at the last would

have set Riley a challenging target but the Essex golfer got ahead of his six-iron approach to the final green and pushed it into a plugged lie in a greenside bunker. He failed to make par, leaving Riley to stride home unopposed.

Super franchise for Wasps

DURHAM WASPS, despite having only a tenancy agreement to DURIAM WASPS, displice having duly a behaviory agreement to play at Sunderland, have been awarded one of seven territorially protected franchises by the Ice Hockey Superleague Limited for the new competition starting in September, which means that Newcastle Warriors, based at the recently opened 8,000-seat New-castle Arena, have been excluded from any future involvement in the new location with the Barthelder.

the new league, writes Vic Batchelder. Sir John Hall, the owner of Durham Wasps — called Newcastle Waspe by the IHSL — has been made president of the new competition. The other franchises go to the Premier Division clubs from Basingstoke, Cardiff and Sheffield, along with Brack-nell, Guildford and Manchester from Division One.

Gustafsson tops the form

MAGNUS GUSTAPSSON upset the form book and a partisan Russian crowd by beating tennis's world No. 7 Yevgeny Kafelni-kov 6-2, 7-6 in the final of the St Petersburg Open. The 29 year-old Swede, ranked 70th, broke the Russian's serve twice in the first set. Kafelnikov gave away siz double faults, including two in the second-set tie-break, which be lost 7-4.

Azharuddin keeps captaincy

MOHAMMAD AZNARUDDIN has retained his place as India's cricket captain for next month's Sharjah Cup and a limited-overs former Derbyshire batsman as capitain for a year but his position was in doubt when he was heavily criticised for his handling of the team in their World Cup semi-final defeat by Sri Lanka.

Stunning net profit

MIDDLESEX's Tracy Miller scored an amazing 33 goals from 39 attempts as she led England's netball team to a comfortable 50–32 victory and the Home International Series trophy at the Bunyan Centre in Bedford. Wales have beaten their old rivals only once in 55 encounters.

Doyle presidency backed

MEMBERS of the British Cycling Federation have backed their president Tony Doyle. The former world champion, elected in December after an acrimonious campaign, survived by 55 votes to 17 a proposal from the board of directors to cancel his appointment, at an emergency national council meeting in Manchester. But counter-proposals demanding the resignations of three board members were also defeated by varying margins.

Ron Cox

tenham Festival had a sinking feeling of déjà vu after the first big handicap of the Flat season, the William Hill Lincoln, at Doncaster

on Saturday. In ground conditions

Richard Hannon, trainer of Stone Ridge, had been



Lame cucuse ... Richard Quinn takes his weight off Sharp Prospect, who pulled a muscle in Saturday's Lincoln Photo. Jon GLE Backers on the sharp end again

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Blinkered today for the first time; FOLKESTONE 4.50 Autobabble, Native Song. FONTWELL 2.10 Analogue. HEXHAM 3.00 Albert Blake, Go Silly; 4.30 Mr Optimistic.

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Rain check

ALDERBROOK will only Arun in Saturday's Martell Aintree Hurdle if the ground is "softish", said Kim Bailey yesterday. "He's fine and did a nice piece of weekend work," said the Lambourn trainer of his deposed champion hurdler. "But we'll need rain if he's going to run."



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13	PO 2284 GR (23) J Mallan 5-10-12
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SOCCER: FERGUSON'S MEN TIRE BUT STILL MOVE THREE POINTS AHEAD OF TROUBLED NEWCASTLE

Premiership: Manchester United 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0

United again thank Cantona

Cynthia Bateman

ANCHESTER Un ited secured the three points that moved them a short head in front of Newcas tle, but this was a pretty tired pony by the time the finishing line was crossed. And although the victory came from another piece of devilish cun-ning and exquisite skill by Eric Cantona, the win was ground out with gritted teeth. with each player needing a jockey on his shoulder whip him up the final straight.

Compared with the speed and flair against Arsenal on Wednesday, this was a leaden-footed United. "It has been a big week for us, and we showed a few nerves among the younger players. But Eric Cantona is an inspi-ration. I get thred of saying how magnificent he is," said Alex Ferguson.

Cantona, with his fifth goal in five games — goals that have earned United 10 points from a possible 12 — rescued them with his strike five min-

utes into the second half. Until then it had not looked as though it was going to be United's day. The first warning that maybe they had got out of bed the wrong side came with Schmeichel's mis-cued clearance in the opening secon

It did not take a naturally aggressive Tottenham long to realise that they would not have to work any harder than usual to catch out United, and the first half-hour belonged to them. Sheringham's casual header just wide at the start provided early warning. And when Howells was able to get through with a shot, the first of several Schmeichel was forced to tip away for corners, Spurs' self-belief became almost tangible.

Fox on the right flank took full advantage of Phil Neville, whose exciting week in which he was named in the England squad seemed to have taken its toll. The 19-year-old looked exhausted and could not contain Fox early on.

But it was the oldest United head, that of the 35-year-old captain Bruce, which gave Tottenham their best chance Tottenham their best chance perfectly placed when Giggs when he let a ball run crossed. But the £7 million towards his goalkeeper and striker produced a weak shot

Everton 2, Wimbledon 4

scored more goals in half as many appearances, looked lively in the first half and was

found Armstrong chasing it. Fortmately for United the striker failed to chip the ad-vancing Schmeichel. Cole, with whom Ferguson scored more gasls in half as Scored more gasls in half as wards Phil Neville moved to Cantona to take on the Spun

right-back, with Sharpe and defence, which was temporar Giggs taking over the left flank. "The midfield were ily out of kilter waiting for Nethercott to replaced the infinding it difficult to get to grips with the game," said jured Mabbutt. The crowd saw it coming, the buzz a kind

Weight on Cantona . . . United's scorer tries to turn provider, scooping the ball into the middle despite Austin's attentions tona scored, and when Sheringham, heading for goal, was pulled up for United to retake a free-kick. Doubtless New-castle and Liverpool will agree,

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Gerry Francis said wrons Biggs, Cole (McClair Internet) efereeing decisions had cos his team the game, particu-larly when, as television proved, Spurs should have had a corner just before Can-



Arsenal 2, Newcastle United 0

Magpies stay off balance

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Commentary

David Lacey

ALKING on water was always a tricky business. For months Newcastle United have put their faith in ment of the Messianic manag Kevin Keegan. Now, if they are going to win the championship, they will have to start learning

to swim against the tide. At Highbury Newcastle floun-dered. They conceded a goal in three minutes, another after 17, and from then on either missed the target, hit its outer edges of drew fine saves from Seaman. Manchester United went top again on their day off. Two months earlier Newcastle had led the Fremiership by 12 points. Their next game is at Liverpool. No wonder Keegan wore the look of a man watching his creation dissolve before his eyes. As eloquent in defeat as he has been in victory, the Newcastle manager filled reporters' notebooks and mini-tapes with a lucid assessment of what had gone wrong Basically his argument was that half the team had not performed.

"You can carry one or two players," Keegan declared. "You can't carry five or siz." Fartinand Ginola, Asprilla, Beards-ley, Lee...none of the big

"When we play like that," he said, "the players leave them-selves open to criticism. I'm not going to defend it. I'm there to be shot at as well." Verbally at least, Keegan par-formed, several times better than his team. As he left the interview room at Highbury

there was even a ripple of ap plausa. However, his statements did not quite add up, for it was not so much a question of indi-viduals performing badly as players again struggling to make sense of a fresh script and new stage directions. The bal-ance of Newcastle's team is sev-arely disturbed, and the only erson responsible for that is

eegan himself. Take Asprilla. By his own lights the Colombian performed well. He set up a series of early chances for Ferdinand and late in the match turned beautifully through the Arsenal defence before beating Seaman with a cross-shot which gianced of the

utside of the far post. Yet Asprills is a catalyst and, by definition, will not change his way of playing however much he influences those around him. Unhappily for Newcastle this influence is

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commodate Asprilla, Beardsley is being withdrawn to a deep position on the right, stretching to breaking point his contact with Ferdinand.

In the second half Beardsley moved more to the middle and Asprilla went wide. But the Colombian's natural desire to take on defenders with the ball still meant that Newcastle were not enjoying the consistent crosses that Gillespie was giving them before he was injured, and before Asprilla arrived. On the left Ginola's ability to

glide past opponents was undi-minished but the Frenchman is producing neither the quality of centre nor the accuracy of shot that distinguished his football earlier in the season. As a result of all this Ferdinand is no longer enjoying the service that once exploited his prime assets of speed and heading power, and this has surely contributed to his recent loss of scoring form.

Newcastle are, in essence, a push-and-run side. Asprilla is an accomplished dribbler but holds things up. As an old Liverpool player, Keegan should not have forgotten the basic An-field philosophy that the more time one man spends on the ball the less a colleague will have to make use of it. Errors in defence led to this

eat. If anything, the principal difference between the teams lay in the contrasting perfor-Arsenal, Dixon and Winter-burn, easily fitting in with Bruce Rioch's switch to three

centre-backs, were occasionally outwitted by Ginola or Asprilla bai were never exposed as con-sistently as Barton and Beresford. Defending has never been

Newcastle's strongest point, and this is part of their charm. But the charm became a curse as Marshall headed Arsenal in front in the third minute, Linighan having nodded on Mer son's corner from the near post, to be followed by Wright scoring a simple second after Barton had been caught in possession by Winterburn on the left.

Newcastle could win their four remaining home matches and still be caught short for the title. Somehow they are going to have to take at least six points from their visits to Liverpool. Blackburn, Leeds United and Nottingham Forest.

Keegan has 10 days to sort out his thoughts for the match at Anfield on Wednesday week. The question of how long Beardsley and Asprilla can continue to play together in attack may occupy his mind.

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Kinnear's men

the table.

Joe Kinnear.

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HE youngster in the Goodison Park foyer was anxious to complete his whistle-stop tour of Everton's ground by having the manager. Joe Royle, sign his autograph book. Politely he asked one of the match-day stewards if that were

'Best leave it: Joe is probably still shouting at his players." came the reply.

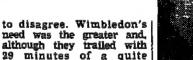
Actually he was not. He had already berated his team for their appalling sloppiness, declared himself to be "puzzled" nently watchable. during an understandably brief news conference, and defence would not have stopped a sneeze, and once headed for either the bar or the drawing board.

Royle believes his team can qualify for next season's Uefa Cup; his players would seem | asm to chase lost causes.

Ferdinand gets the PFA vote

of the Year by his fellow professionals. He was preented with his PFA award at a special gala dinner in London after scoring 26 goals in 36 games this season. Liverpool's striker Robbie Fowler was voted Young Player of the Year for the second successive season.

THE Newcastle United striker Les Ferdinand was last night voted Player Shearer of Blackburn Rovers, who has scored 34 in 44 games including five hat-tricks.



wretched match still to run, they won by a distance to move smartly clear of those thrashing about at the foot of Kinnear ... delighted

The irony is they could have won, once headed goals "This is a fantastic result for us and I think it will set us up to be still playing in the by Craig Short and Andrei Kanchelskis had erased the memory of Marcus Gayle's Premier League for another season," said an exuberant early strike. Even after the substitute

Quite right, too, Having removed the menace from their football Wimbledon, be-Stewart Castledine had swept in the equaliser, Wimbledon's hesitancy and lack of ambilieve it or not, are now emition seemed likely to be their undoing. Everton were awful: their

The game was there for the taking, a theory that Kin-near's men subscribed to only Ferguson's effectiveness had after goals by Andy Clarke and Jon Goodman, in the been eroded by fatigue they lacked the collective enthusidying minutes, had reduced Everton to rubble.

At the final whistle the Everton crowd stood to ap-plaud Wimbledon as they left the pitch. What next? Accep tance? Surely not. CORERS: Everten: Shori (21min), ancheiste (611. Wienbledom Gayla (12), astiedine (64). Cigrke (85), Goodman

ton: Southall, Hortiger, Watso Shori, Hinchcliffe, Kanchelskis, Horne, Ebbroil (Rideout, h-t), Limpar, Stuari (Amokach, 56), Ferguson. Wimbledom: Sullivan: Cunaingham, Kimble, Perry, Leonhardson, Gayte, Earle, Jones (Castedine, 29), Blackwall, Ekoku (Goodman, 59), Clarke.

Thursday's transfer deadline, Rangers having only six Pre-

against Wilkins' team

miership games remaining. His gut feeling was that the

existing squad would do the

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Richard Williams

ESPERATE to get his side out of trouble, Ray

Wilkins had planned to play at Stamford Bridge. which would have made a poignant sight. It is 21 years since, as an astonishingly mature teenager, he captained a Chelsea team that slipped out of the old First Division, bringing down the curtain on the King's Road era. A couple of years later he took them back up again, before packing his bags for Old Trafford, San Siro, and other destinations. Returning to the Bridge on Saturday at the helm of another team faced with the drop. Wilkins told us that

only a calf-muscle strain had kept him fretting on the sidelines. Instead QPR's 39-year-old player-manager was forced to watch as, thanks to Bolton's victory, his team fell to the bottom despite taking a point against his old club. And however appealing the thought, it is probably too late for him to take a significant role in a match such as this, played at high pace and for high stakes.

high stakes. Wilkins confirmed that he would not be adding other fresh legs to the squad before

a coach. The purchase of Hateley, who came on for the job. "The last two perfor-mances, against Manchester United and Chelsea, gave me last dozen minutes to form a iwin-tower partnership with Dichio, always looked like an a lot of encouragement. In normal circumstances they expensive mistake. Whatever Hateley's virtues, anyone less would have been very good results. But the players are like a natural QPR player could hardly be imagined. Hoddle's team did not proapprehensive, and when apprehension creeps into the minds of young players it helps to tire them during a game. And when they get duce one of their more exalt-ed performances of the Gullit tired they lose concentration, era, but the players could be "My players are mostly young men, and it's been a excused for having left half their energy on the pitch in last Wednesday's FA Cup tough season for them, so we're seeing some lapses of match and for having half an eye on next weekend's semiconcentration. One of those lapses, in cenfinal. A sore calf cost them

tral defence, led to Chelsea taking the lead in the eighth the second-half presence of Hughes, who also departed with a booking for aiming an minute, through Spencer's simple headed goal from idiotically meaningless kick Wise's right-wing cross. The visitors wobbled but refused at Barker. That takes him over the 40-point limit and to fall, and 11 minute could cost him a place in the Wembley line-up, if Chelsea get that far, but he will be working hard to regain his fit-Barker crashed in a drive after Sinclair had crossed to Dichlo, who knocked the ball WOTALLS ness in time to prove a to United on Sunday. SCORERS: Chelses Spencer (Smin). GPR: Barler (19). Chelsest Hitchcock; Petrescu, Lee States Hitchcock; Petrescu, Lee Sealest Hitchcock; Petrescu, Lee back into Barker's path. Thereafter the best chances were spurned by Chelsea, no-tably an 80th-minute cross by

Gullit to Furlong, who ce-mented his reputation as the Andy Cole of Stamford Bridge Choisean Hitchcock; Petrescu, (Johnsen, Sömin), Juberry, Cia Phelan, Burlay, Wise, Guilt, Spa-(Pescock, 30), Hughes (Furlong, 52), GPFMs Sommer; Bardsley, McCoon Maddix (Reacty, h-11, Brevent, Y), (Brazier, 59), Barker, Siecteir, im by slipping as he attempted to shoot from point-blank range. Despite being named in the

threatening to outweigh any ads that his individual skills might bring. His control is extraordinary. At times the ball appears to be tied to his bootlaces. But to acearly betting for the Venables succession, Wilkins has not

yet begun to prove himself as O'Neil set to face Australia after Scotland lose six men

Patrick Glenn

N 24 hours, Caltic's de-fender Brian O'Neil captured the unpredictability of football by being transformed from a spectator at Motherwell to a probable member of Scotland's team against Australia at Hampden Park on Wednesday

O'Neil, who has played only four times for his club after 10 months out with knee ligament damage, was summoned by Scotland's manager Craig Brown yesterday as six of the

The 33-year-old central de-fender has been left out of Celtic's last two matches and ratched the 0-0 draw with Motherwell on Saturday. But, with Tottenham's Colin Calderwood and Alan McLaren of Rangers among the call-offs, he was drafted in. The other withdrawals were

The other windurawals way the striker Duncan Ferguson, midfielder Stuart McCall, goal-keeper Andy Goram and ful-back Tosh McKinlay. O'Neil said: "The game is

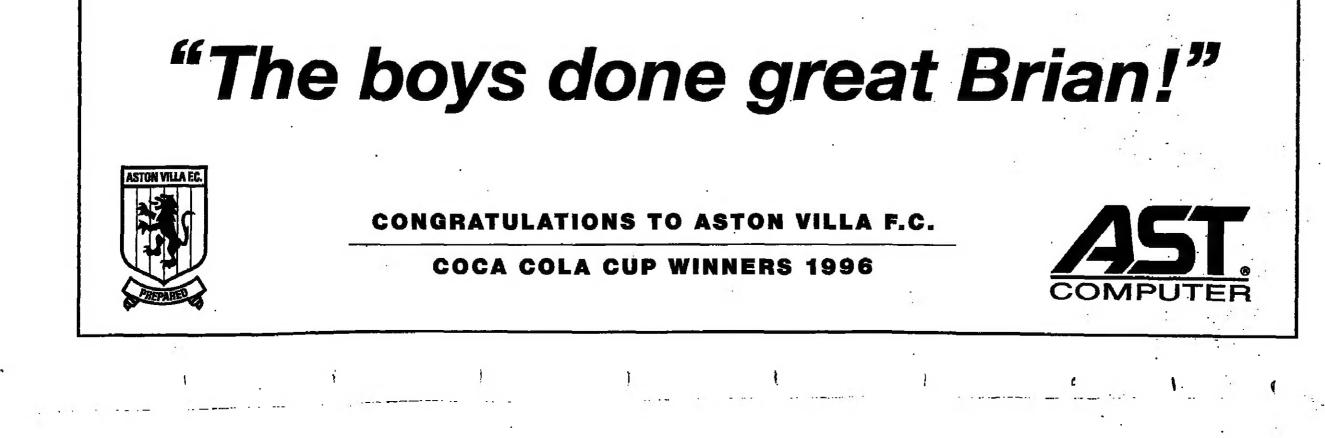
all about taking opportuni-ties. If there are doubts about my readiness for internationals. I may have the chance to find out on Wednesday. But I feel fit enough."

Ferguson's predictable absence makes the Chelsea striker John Spencer a near-certain starter. "He's very hot at the moment," said Brown.

In the title chase, Ranger 3-2 home win over Falkirk was unimpressive but the result may be deeply signifi-cant. Celtic's draw extended the librox side's lead to five points with six matches

remaining. Paul Gascoigne scored the opening goal — his seventh in his last eight games — and looked the only Rangers player capable of making the telling pass. Erik Bo Andersen gave the home side a two-goal lead and re-established it minutes from time, his

first goals for the club. Another Dane, Morten Wieghorst, could have won the match at Fir Park for Celtic but he headed wide from only five yards.



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Iagpies The Guardian Monday March 25 1996 Soccer Soccer Premiership: Nottingham Forest 1, Liverpool 0 Iagpies Collymore runs the gauntlet

Neil Robinson

Memories. Although each returning HE lady with bulging eyes was unimpressed player must expect a rough ride from his former supportby the police escori which accompanied Liverpool to the City Ground

on Saturday. "More like a Fi-esta," she hissed before digshould stop. On Saturday it never did. Collymore's every ging deep into her vocabulary touch was booed and his substitution in the 69th minute was greeted by huge guffaws. to hurl a Judas insult at Stan Collymore.

A white police van with flashing lights and a solitary who has given such great ser motorcyclist shepherded the coach past the turnstiles vice to a club gets a reception like that when he comes which bristled with malevo-lence. Blackened windows back," said Liverpool's man ager Roy Evans. His Forest disguised Collymore's \$8.5 million frame until he popped down the steps, riding counterpart Frank Clark agreed: "It wasn't a nice at-mosphere but unfortunately that sort of thing happens in football nowadays." a hail of invective on his way to the changing rooms. This was the unacceptable face of football '96: beyond reason and deeply unpleasant.

derfully assured defensive performance. Only once did the prolific striker snaffle an inch of space, bamboozling Crossley with a chip which bobbled off the crossbar. Six Collymore's "crime" was to leave Forest in a deal which left their bank balance bulg-ing and then to demand a £400.000 payment as recompense for not seeking a move. bobbled off the crossbar. Six The parting was messy, he other efforts disappointed:

failed to win his claim and | two wide, two blocked by de-Nottingham folk have long | fenders and two saved. Forest's goal came out of nowhere when James failed

to hang on to Pearce's longrange shot. Cooper was first to react, whipping the ball across goal for Stone to ram home. Liverpool should al-ready have been well ahead but, thinking themselves iners. there comes a point when the bear-pit barracking destructible after 20 games unbeaten, never made full use of ample possession. The second half brought "It is sad when someone

more urgency and only a questionable decision by Mr Danson denied them an equal-iser after Crossley appeared to drop the ball over his own line. Fowler was adjudged to have fouled the keeper despite jumping nowhere near him. In that moment Liver-If the crowd accounted for pool's title chance probably Collymore, Colin Cooper did disappeared.

Roy (Alien, 80). Liverpool: Jar Scales, Wright, McManamen, Ti

West Ham United 4, Manchester City 2

Hammer blows for City

Martin Thorpe

NTERNATIONAL Rescue, despite having five repre-sentatives on the crash scene, is struggling to pull Manchester City from the tee-tering brink of the Premier-ship precipice. Better send for home to Liverpool. Thunderbird Six.

Enter Mikhail Kavelashvili, a £1.4 million striker whose specialist skills offer one last chance of saving City from the dreaded dron. His Georgia team-mate Kinkladze recom-mended him, saying "he is even better than me", and certainly City need to address Rösler's loss of scoring form.

But whether Kavelashvili will have time to trouble defences as much as commentators is questionable. He will not be ready to play in the

tough games to make an im-pact: a debut against Man-chester United, a warming visit to Wimbledon, a relega-tion scrap against Sheffield Wednesday, a visit to Aston Villa and a final game at City's prospects would have been less daunting had just

been less daunning had just one thing gone right on Satur-day. They failed to clear a cor-ner properly to let in Dowie for the first goal. Rösler then wasted three decent chances before Curle missed a penalty after Kinklados's twickla tood after Kinkladze's twinkle-toed run was ended by Billic's less-sophisticated right foot. After the interval Rösler

missed another chance, then Dowie went and scored again at the near post. Clough and omas saw attempts cleared off the line, then Lomas, hav-ing clattered Bishop, was sent battle at Bolton on Saturday. off for clattering Dicks. And that leaves only five Of course City, once they

were down to 19 men, scored, Miklosko fumbling Hiley's shot and Quinn following up. But West Ham's advantage eventually told. Dicks made it 3-1 with a 20-yard blast before Bishop's silky pass and Doni's chimmering still made Dani's shimmering skill made

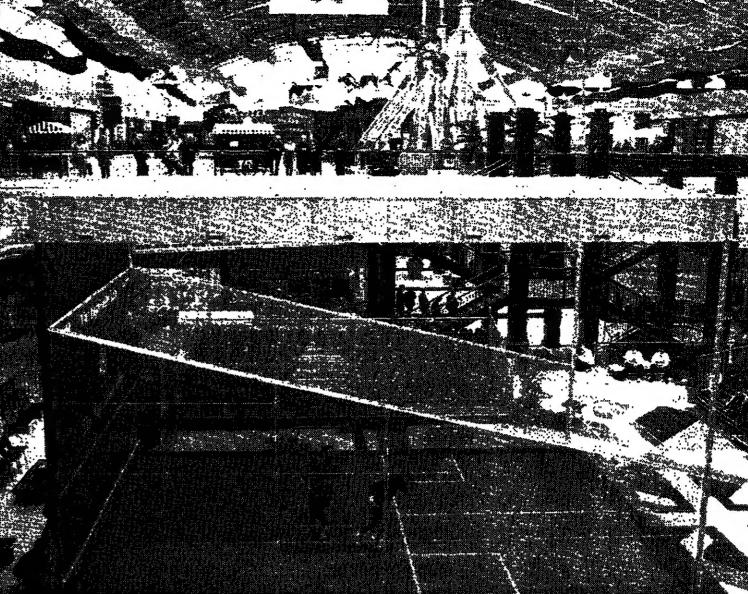
it 4-1. Quinn's turn and shot finally produced the quality striking City had sought. But too late. While West Ham's own foreign-fuelled side find them-selves in a rare position of safety at this stage of the sea-

son, City, like Thunderbird puppets, hang by a thread. the West Harry Dowle (21 st

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Harris . . . 'moving well'



Playing to The Galleria . . . Hatfield shoppers enjoy the inventive play of the new experimental point-per-rally scoring system

Martin pays price for Harris speed

Richard Jago on some refreshing play and a fine win for the England No. 1

Galleria shopping centre in Hatfield yesterday. It was arguably the best success by a British male since by a British male since 1972, when Jonah Barrington last won the British

Open. The world No. 6 from

utes with the score at 3-2, | Jansher's first PSA Tour after a collision in which | defeat for two years and the Australian injured an | following that on Saturday ankle. In the fifth Harris at-

tacked fiercely and for the first time hit through his opponent, winning the decider in only four minutes. "This is the best I have played and I would like to think it is the first of sev-eral major titles," said Harris. "I was moving well, probably because I eased off training at the right mopointment of losing the fourth quickly after Martin ment before this event." still strong favourite for He made the triumph the British Open starting ment before this event." possible by imposing next week. left the court for three min-

with victory over his com-patriot Mark Chaloner.

Though the experimental format produced the most inventive play for years, with non-stop attacking, Jansher complained about the point-per-rally first-to-nine scoring system. He had to be satisfied with third place after a straight-games win over the world No. 2 Rodney Eyles but is

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Chess UTIOSS VES GRANDMASTERS (Amelerdam)' Round tz J Timman (Neth) & J Piket (Neth) & V Kramnik (Rus) 1, Y Seirawan US) 0: J Ludrer (Fr) 1, N Short (Eng) 0; B Geffand (Belarus) & V Anend (Ind) & V Topalov (Bul) 1, G Kasparov (Rus) 0; Round & Piket 0; Kasparov (Rus) 0; Topalov 1; Short 1, Gesland 0; Seirawan 1. Lautist 0; Timman), K Frannik & Lendersc Topalov 2; Kramnik 1% **Cross Country** WORLD CHAMPIONSMIPS (Stallen-bosch, SA), Miese 1, P Tergal (Kenyal 33min 44soc; 2, S Hissou (Mor) 33.5; 3, H Kral (Ken) 33.5; Alsoc 11, J Brown (GB) 34.55, Teaman 1, Kenya 33; 2, Morooco 58; 3, Ethoopia 107, Wormer, 1, G Wann (Eth) 30 t2; 2, R Cherulyol (Ken) 20.16; 3, N Mugo (Ken) 20.21, Also 13, G Mexilen Mugo (Ken) 20.21, Also 13, G Mexilen (Ire) 20.57, 18, P Radcille (GB) 2113 Teaman 1, Konya 24; 2, Ethiopia 44; 3, Romanis 70. **Real Tennis** WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE (Methourne): Finals R Falley (Aus) bi W Davies (Aus) 7-1 sets. 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Towers bite the Bullets

Robert Pryce

NOT even the Birmingham Bullets can dislodge the London Towers from the heights of the Budweiser League. Twenty points in arrears at one stage, the Bullets made some inroads but still went down 101-91 at Wembley Arena last night.

On their recent form these are the league's two outstanding teams. Birmingham had won their previous 14 league games, and this result stretched London's run of vic-tories to 11. They need only two wins from their four remaining games to clinch their first league title.

For most of last night they looked the part. Their offence went smoothly from the start and their defence proved solid from its towering interior out deep into three-point land. Tony Dorsey, the only Bullet to threaten consistently, finished with 38 points.

Maybe the Bullets were keeping their powder dry for the play offs. They had shaken the Towers on their previous encounters by throwing a relay of defenders at the London guards, a strat-egy they were forced to abandon during their 99-77 defeat at Wembley Court in the National Cup semi-final last montil

The Towers' guards ex-pressed their relief from the tip-off last night. Danny Lewis made his first two shots, both three pointers, and when Steve Bucknall finished off a fast break London led 14-4. The Towers had stretched the lead to 54-34 by half-time before Birmingham began to stir.

An 11-2 third-quarter burst. highlighted by a Trevor Gor-don three-pointer, briefly closed the gap to seven points at 75-68 before the Towers regained their poise. All their starters scored in double figures, led by Lewis with 23 points.

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Sports Guardian

STRIKER SETS UP RECORD-EQUALLING LEAGUE CUP VICTORY

Coca-Coca Cup, final: Aston Villa 3, Leeds United 0

Milosevic leads Villa's final assault

David Lacey at Wembley

HIS season's League Cup was won by a set of full-bodied

clarets at the ex-pense of some distinctly inferior whites. In the trophy's 36-year history there have been few more distinguished winners than Aston Villa, and even fewer teams so thoroughly beaten as were Leeds United yesterday.

Apart from a brief spell at the start of each half, Brian Little's side were the masters of the occasion. Their victory, the biggest winning margin since Oxford United beat Queens Park Rangers by the same score 10 years ago, in no way flattered them.

Leeds never really recov-ered from the shock of falling Leeds never really recov-ered from the shock of falling behind to a superb shot from leashed a wonderful shot Savo Milosevic midway through the first half. Yet if the big, awkward-looking Serb instigated Villa's tri-which saw it dip in under the which saw it dip in under the the big, awkward-looking Serb instigated Villa's triumph, the true inspiration was to be found elsewhere: in Drapar's tireless creative influence, for example, which steadily upstaged McAllister; and in Yorke's capacity to find meaningful space in an endless variety of positions. Leeds were not expected to

win, but neither were they expected to lose quite so limply. Had yesterday's guest of hon-our, Virginia Bottomley, had anything to do with it Leeds might have been closed at half-time. By then the pur-pose of their existence was

certainly open to question. Howard Wilkinson, Leeds's manager, tried to present Villa with a mirror-image of themselves but merely suc-ceeded in emphasising the qualities of the real thing. Whatever persuaded him to leave Deane and Brolin on the bench at the start, it did noth-

ing for his team's cause. The 18-year-old Andy Gray — son of Frank, nephew of Eddie - achieved more in

and Ford. McAllister did make one exceptional 60-yard dash for Leeds but the effect of this was nullified by Speed's poor centre, a mo-ment that rather summed up his team's afternoon.

Gray began confidently. showing good control and out-witting Southgate just past the quarter-hour before curl-ing a shot past the far angle of post and bar, but too little of consequence came through to Yeboah

The first goal, scored after 20 minutes, stemmed from Leeds's uncertainties in midfield. Townsend intercepted a vague pass from Speed and found Milosevic in a lot of space. Pemberton was the nearest defender but backed off, fatefully as it turned out. Milosevic took the ball on half

bar, as its pace. Villa always appeared

likely winners after that. Their confidence, high at the start, bubbled away even more merrily. The authority at the back of McGrath, Southgate, and Ebiogu with his occasionally inspired

passes was absolute. Gray did begin the second half with a couple of narrow-angle, close-range shots from the left but Leeds's optimism was brief. Villa's passing and teamwork were still far superior and they soon increased their lead. In the 55th minute Draper

and Townsend combined to release Wright on the laft. The full-back's deep, search-ing centre to the far post found Radebe facing his own net with Milosevic coming in behind him. Radebe opted for a first-time overhead clear-ance and the ball came

straight out to Taylor, who walloped it back past Lukic. Villa's third goal, in the

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for the three champions is more than £10 million.

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First blood to Villa . . . the trusty left foot of Savo Milosevic powers a shot past John Pemberton to put his side a goal up at Wembley yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: STEVE MORTON

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match than did others with infinitely more experience. most an afterthought Milosevic gathered a pass from Draper and slipped the ball past Pemberton for Yorke to When McAllister is subdued. as he was yesterday, Leeds are a pedestrian, prosaic side. Fears of a dour stalemate embellish his excellent per-formance with a firm shot

proved unfounded. Both into the roof of the net. So Villa, the first League Cup winners, have now won beams began with five at the back, to be sure, but Villa it five times, equalling Liver-pool's record. If they repeat have used this formation as an attacking platform all seayesterday's performance in next Sunday's FA Cup semi-finals they could be Liverson and it was largely their speed on the break which kept the football open from the start. Villa were much busier be-

Indus they could be Liver pool's equals at Old Trafford. Actor Viba Bosnich: Enigo. AcGrain Southgats. Charles. Taylor. Draper Towneed, Wright Yorke, Micoswic. Lesda Defect Livic, Xeily, Pemberton Wetherall, Radobe (Broin, Gömid, Speed Ford (Daane, h-Q. McAlinster, Palmer Yebosh, Gray. Reference R Hart (Darlington). tween the penalty areas. Yorke was everywhere, Draper was dominant, Townsend and Taylor were increas-ingly the masters of Palmer

Athletes chase £10m prize money in world events

Stephen Bierley in Cape Town

event at both the outdoor and indoor world championships OR the first time in the sport's history the Interand the World Cup. There will also be bonuses for world national Amateur Athletic records. The world outdoor champi-Federation will pay prize money at its major meetings, beginning with the world inonships will attract the highest prizes, with the winners expected to receive more than £60,000. Women will have par-ity with men. The likely cost door championships in Paris next March.

We must follow life in a realistic manner," said the IAAF president Primo Nebiolo after yesterday's an-nouncement, which followed a long council meeting here. The IAAF has been under

programme for the Atlanta Olympics this summer to allow Michael Johnson (200 increasing pressure from its and 400 me athletes to pay prize money at the world championships. to double up. and 400 metres) and Carl Lewis (100m and long jump)

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Guardian Crossword No 20.609

Jeremy Alexander on a one-sided final that brought a smile to the face of Yorke but left supporters from Yorkshire scowling

ORKE v Yeboah was deavours to raise its status without prestige. Yester-the billing — Y v Y. — the move to Wembley, Why oh why is more to the ticket to Europe. Even was to invite the Heritage the point. Nobody rememnow the Premiership clubs bers the League Cup's raison d'être or its winners, view it with contempt in September, consideration except perhaps Swindon dein November and commit-

Secretary. Going by the teams, it would have done better with Overseas Development; going by the prom-imence of its sponsors, per-haps the Paymaster Gen-eral. Coca-Cola gave Villa feating Arsenal in 1969. For 36 years it has con-gested the calendar, resist-ing the League's best en-and even then a passport £100,000, Leeds £50,000.

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cost £4.5 million. There was the £5 prohis team-mate Taylor had forecast after a batful of misses against Ipswich in the FA Cup that is truly gramme, which gave 16 Leeds pen portraits but omitted Gray, their best player, and Ford. There was thundering music and part of the heritage. Joking afterwards he had said: "I fireworks and then Virbet Savo scores the most ginia Bottomley wrapped in an NHS blanket. And important goal of the sea-son." Many a true word ... finally, when all razzma-tazz was spent, there was a run-of-the-mill match. It was the beginning of the end for Howard Wilkin-

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Brolin, on the Leeds bench, minutes when Milosevic coming bere," he said, add-cost £4.5 million. scored. It was no more than ing: "I would imagine." It was his first visit.

Brian Little insists there is always a smile in his changing room. None presents it more on the field than Yorke, who could teach his friend Brian Lara a lesson. Townsend was named Man of the Match, his reward the Alan Hardaker Trophy. Ah yes, he was the raison d'ètre, when



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